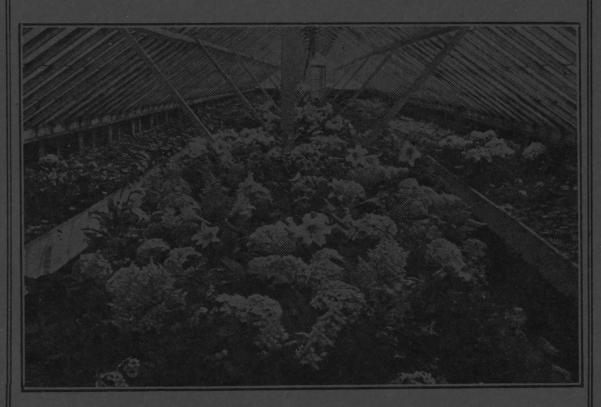
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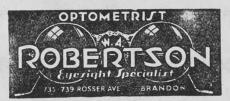
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The outstanding feature of the past month has been the retirement of our revered Archbishop from active service. Few men, if any, have ever been held in greater esteem, or have won the affection of the Church in a larger degree than the Archbishop, who, for nearly a quarter of a century was our Father in God. He possessed in a marked degree those qualities of wide knowledge, vision, and sound judgment which are essential for a leader of the Church; and his spiritual power, grounded on a firm and simple faith have been an inspiration to all who know him. While we regret that the time has come for him to lay down the burdens and the toil of office, yet we rejoice that he is to enjoy a period of rest and ease so justly deserved. The Diocese of Brandon joins the Church throughout the Dominion in wishing him the true joys that come of a great life nobly lived.

WILFRID BRANDON

Bishop's Lodge, Feb. 9, 1931.

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The Bishop has made the following appointments:

The Rev. D. L. Greene, B.A.—Rural Dean of The Pas.

The Rev. Charles Morris—Incumbent of the Devon Mission.

Mr. J. J. Ireland — Catechist-Teacher at Moose Lake.

The Rev. Henry Moss-Rector of St. Paul's, Shoal Lake.

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In the unavoidable absence of the Bishop, the Archdeacon represented the Diocese at the special service in St. John's Cathedral, Winnipeg, on Saturday, January 31st, when the Archbishop of Ruperts' Land laid down the burden of his great office to the regret of the Church throughout the whole Dominion.

## + + +

Through the generosity of the Diocesan W.A., the Diocese has recently acquired, for the use of our Indian friends, a supply of copies of "The Pilgrim's Progress" and "The Peep of Day" printed in the Cree syllabics.

## + + +

The Diocese heartily congratulates the Rev. T. S. Boulton on his appointment as Hon. Canon of Carlisle Cathedral. During the past six years, as our Commissary in England. Canon Boulton has rendered invaluable service to the Diocese, and we are happy to know that the honour now conferred upon him is partiy in recognition of his work for the Church overseas.

## + + +

The Rev. F. W. Gelling, formerly of Ninga, has been appointed to the charge of the Sandy Bay Indian Mission in the Diocese of Saskatchewan. He will be quite at home in this branch of the Church's work, for he received apprenticeship in it some years ago in the Diocese to which he has returned. Both he and Mrs. Gelling have our hearty good wishes for their success.

## \* \* \*

The Diocese has lost a loyal friend, and the W.A. a staunch member, in the removal of Mrs. A. C. T. Webb from Pine Creek to Edmonton where her husband is now Superintendent of the Boy's Hostel under the Social Service Council.

#### + + +

The Toronto "Fellowship of the West" of which our good friend the Rev. John Frank, formerly of Hamiota, is the Organizing Secretary, is again planning to send two teams to Western Canada for the coming summer. We have good hope that one of them will be located in the northern part of our Diocese.

## \* \* \*

"Canyons, Cans and Caravans" the alliterative and humorous title of Miss Hasell's latest book describing her work in Canada has received very favourable comment in England. One reviewer describes the book as "coming from the pen of Cumberland's intrepid missioner, who for the past ten years has spent every summer touring in a motor van the homesteading lands of the Canadian northwest, carrying her gospel message to lonely holdings, and starting Sunday schools and the Sunday School by Post system for the children of Canadian homesteaders who might never otherwise hear the old, old stories of the Christian faith. Miss Hasell has been a

pioneer in a work which has since received the blessing of the Anglican Church from the Archbishop of Canterbury downwards. From 1920, when she began with one van, the work has grown until last year there were twelve vans and twenty-four workers in eight western dioceses. It is a great work greatly undertaken and Miss Hasell's book is well worth reading as a record of it."

## \* \* \*

The Bishop of Liverpool, Dr. David, in the hope of making an end to bazaars and other similar means for the raising of funds for the Church, has invited the faithful of his Diocese to submit to a voluntary tax on their incomes. "I am thankful (he said) to observe a growing obedience to St. Paul's counsel that we should assess ourselves weekly, and make our payments and our gifts deliberately and systematically, whether we attend a particular service in Church or not. In the Old Testament the rule was a tenth, but inasmuch as many works of mercy which in old time fell upon the tenth are now provided for by rates and taxes I am going to suggest a smaller proportion as a minimum for church purposes. It is safe to say that if you accept this proportion as a personal obligation towards the Church's work, our duty to parish, diocese, and foreign field will be discharged and the work greatly extended. That bazaars and all similar amusements will be left to be enjoyed, if at all, for their own sakes, and for extension rather than maintenance; that our clergy will be set free from much anxiety, and our worship from the continual distraction of finance." This will not bring anything new on the subject to the minds of our readers, for proportionate and systematic giving has been proclaimed in all our churches as the scriptural and effective way of raising funds for God's work, but it will stimulate us all to know that others are making a similar effort towards the same end.

#### \* \* \*

On the 3rd of March next, Grandma Leigh will reach the 89th milestone in the span of life. Her good works are known to many throughout the Diocese and we are glad to unite with her many friends in wishing her a happy birthday. In the district where she lives everyone regards her as "the grand old church woman" and knows that throughout the many years of her eventful life she has found her greatest happiness and satisfaction in caring for the things that belong to God. The Church of St. Mary at Clanwilliam is beautiful in itself, but it has been richly enhanced by the loving and tender solicitude of Grandma Leigh who, year in and year out, has decorated it for all the great Festivals and kept its Altar linen spotlessly clean.

#### \* \* \*

A movement in England to preserve the beauty of the churches by checking the flow of memorial tablets on church walls, has given

rise to a suggestion that a parish "Book of Remembrance" containing the particulars of the life of each person commemorated be kept in a suitable and honourable place in every church. The suggestion commends itself to us and we think it worthy of adoption. Not because we have any cause to complain of the number of memorial tablets on our church walls, or any reason to regard those we have as doing other than contributing to the beauty and sanctity of our buildings, but because we know that many can have no tablet placed to their memory at all and for these we should like to see a "Book of Remembrance" kept in every Church. In fact we would go further and suggest that its contents be read at a Service of Remembrance every year about the time of All Saints' Day.

## \* \* \*

On the nomination of the Rev. .W Robertson, Incumbent of Birtle, and the Rev. J. F. Cox, missionary at the Sioux Indian Reserve, the late Archbishop Machray issued a license, on March 21st, 1901, to Joseph Itoye to be a Lay Reader in the Mission of the Sioux Reserve. Thus our good friend, whose regular attendance at the Synod has made him known to many over the Diocese, will shortly complete thirty years of active service in the Church. During the whole of this period he has been a steadfast witness to the faith of Christ crucified amongst his own people of the Dakotahs, and a very valuable assistant to the successive missionaries on the Reserve. During interregnums of varying length he has carried on the work of the Mission alone and always with commendable success.

#### \* \* \*

Not many Lay Readers still in active service can claim the honour to have been licensed by Archbishop Machray himself. We only know of two others in this Diocese, namely, Chancellor Coleman who was licensed on Dec. 23rd, 1891, on the nomination of Canon Rogers, Iector of St. Matthew's, Brandon, and the Rev. Charles Quinney, Incumbent of St. Alban's, Oak Lake. And Mr. H. L. Rixon who was licensed on Sept. 9th, 1898, on the nomination of the Rev. Waddington Clarke, Incumbent of Holland, and the Rev. McAdam Harding, Rector of St. Matthew's, Brandon, and now Bishop of Qu'Appelle.

# THE GEOMETRIC BISHOP

We had a crooked bishop once,
With geometric views;
His texts were perpendicular
His sermons quite obtuse;
And though the hymns were high church,
The blessed tunes were low;
So we had to sing them sideways
In acute fortissimo.

Birthday congratulations to-

Rev. P. V. Boyes-Feb. 24th.

Rev. G. L. Armstrong-Feb. 25th.

Rev. C. Wood-March 4th.

Rev. W. H. H. Crump-March 13th.

Rev. C. C. Landon-March 18th.

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The following amounts have recently been given to the Dauphin Archdeaconry Fund:—

Dioce	san W.A.	\$500
Mrs.	Hayman	24
Miss	Hollingworth	5
Mrs.	Cockle	10

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The Rev. Charles Wood with unfailing good nature has come to our assistance once again, and is now taking regular monthly duty in the parishes of Reston, Somerset and Swan Lake.

## + + +

The week-end of Feb. 25th was a happy and busy one for the Bishop when he made his annual visit to St. Bede's, Kinosota. Mr. Scrase, who has completed his 18th year in the parish, had with much diligence arranged a list of duties throughout his large district to suit the Bishop's taste. There were four Celebrations of the Holy Communion, two Confirmations, five services of Holy Baptism, one Evensong, and four sermons. And so to bed.

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Many households are now trying their own specifics for the cure of cough, cold, and influenza. Happily for the patients, there is just a little less of the empirical than was the case in the year 1758, when the following receipt was strongly advised: "Does Mary cough in the night? Two or three snails boiled in barley water or tea water, or whatever she drinks, might be of great service to her; taken in time, they have done wonderful cures. She must know nothing of it. They give no manner of taste."

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The Archdeacon was the special preacher at the Patronal Festival in St. Paul's, Regina, on Sunday. Feb. 25th.

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#### THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DOINGS

In accordance with a resolution of a year ago which determined that Grants to Parishes were to be on a yearly reducing basis, the Committee made reductions varying from 5 per cent to 100 per cent. Those affected will of course have to increase their own local efforts accordingly.

It will be remembered that assisted parishes are also required accordingly to meet their budget apportionments in full.

A grant of \$15.00 was made to "Faith and Order."

In considering the estimates for 1931, the Deanery of The Pas was left as a separate entity to administer its own affairs.

The apportionments were drawn up with very few alterations from last year and are already in the hands of the clergy.

Other copies may still be obtained from the

Secretary.

The manager reported that no money was needed from the Diocese to meet any deficiency in the finances of "The Messenger."

Annual Report Forms and Delegate Certificates were given to the Rural Deans for distribution to their parishes.

Clergy should have the annual reports already in the hands of their Rural Deans. Rural Deans are required to have these in the hands of the Bishop by March 1st. Do it now!

Delegates certificates should be sent to the Secretary as required by the Canons. This is the more important this year since a Diocesan Synod is to be called in the spring.

# H H H

These may be obtained from the Secretary and are, as usual, our own Special Diocesan Self-Denial Box.

An urgent request is made that the proceeds of these boxes be kept separate this Easter so that we may estimate the value of the effort. We also urge that the monies therefrom be sent to the Treasurer as soon after Easter as possible as we are anxious to avoid borrowing from the bank to meet our second quarters' obligations. Please do not hold on to budget monies too long in the hope of gaining interest or increasing by late returns.

CLERGY AND CHURCHWARDENS—DO encourage the wide and faithful use of the Lenten box when our needs are so great and we must have at least \$1000.00 to meet the expenses of assisted and summer missions.

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## AN OLD PILGRIM'S CHALLENGE

We are approaching a serious and important period of the Church's seasons; a time when we are urged to halt and consider our ways, to reflect and search out the real object of our journey through life; whether we are travelling the broad or the narrow way. It is just possible, without our knowing it, that we may be making considerable progress along the way of worldliness and selfishness, instead of the path of righteousness and true holiness; our life is a mixture of good and evil, and without our knowledge evil may be the predominating influence: there is none good, no not one, and yet goodness should be the motive and the goal even of our earthly life. The things of the world are very strong about us, and encircle us very closely; its treasures and its pleasures occupy our thoughts and our minds continually, and we are apt to allow

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ourselves to be engrossed by their attractions, to the neglect of the better and the higher duties which the Christian life calls on us to perform. We must all admit that the Christ life is a great achievement, and those who possess it find that it is a powerful asset on life's highway. But to attain anything of that high standard, it is vitally necessary that we make some real effort, that we give ourselves time to think, to ponder, and try to realize, whether we are using the right means and doing the right things which will help us to reach out and lay hold of that, which, in our better moments we all long for. And so, the Lenten season bids us stop and consider and to examine ourselves seriously. It is a loyal duty which the Church calls us to perform at this time, and it is a duty none may neglect if they would possess the happiness and peace it brings, when duly and willingly carried out. And the beauty and the pleasure and glory of Easter is greatly minimised if we are not properly prepared to enjoy it.

CHAS. WOOD.

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## DEANERY OF BRANDON

#### S. MATTHEW'S, BRANDON

The annual meeting was the best attended in years and the financial statements satisfactory, the apportionment paid in full and \$1700 paid off our debt which now stands at \$7200. Mr. Chancellor Coleman in the name of the parishioners presented the Rector with a very handsome and comfortable arm chair, and our treasurer, Mr. P. H. Clark, was given a fine pipe with case as acknowledgement of the good hard work done by him for several years as parish treasurer. Both recipients greatly appreciate this kindness.

The little pink churches have brought in for 1930, \$572.73—about 100 were returned. Let a larger number and with larger congregations of dimes be returned at end of 1931.

The old wardens were reappointed. Mr. J. A. Wetmore and Mr. H. L. Singleton whom we now regard as an ever-blooming perennial.

The Synod representatives are Mr. J. A. Wetmore, Col. C. J. Whillier and Mr. H. L. Singleton. Alternates, F. R. Longworth, R. Pritchard and G. E. Peacock.

Thanks to Rev. S. J. Wickens and the Chancellor for taking the services when the Rector was at S. Paul's, Regina, on S. Paul's Day.

#### S. Valentine

The G.A. held a very successful tea on 4th and gathered in \$25.00. Mrs. Lamontagne welcomed a large number including some of the handsomest of the vestrymen.

#### Movies

Mr. W. J. Swaisland is showing on Monday, 16th, the moving pictures taken by himself on his trip through England, Scotland, France, Belgium and Germany. There will be a nominal charge of 25 cents for the benefit of the church school funds.

The Mothers' Union will have a half hour's Bible study conducted by the Rector at each meeting.

There will be four lantern missionary talks on Thursday afternoons from February 26th.

Confirmation classes will begin very soon. Will intending candidates please give their names to the Rector.

Evensong will be broadcast on March 1st.

#### W. A.

At a well attended meeting of the W.A. held Feb. 4th, it was decided to raise funds during the year by "direct giving". A "Travelling Basket" was an altogether new enterprise undertaken and has every promise of great success. Convenor, Mrs. A. K. McDonald. Hospital, Mrs. Drury, Mrs. Elwood. Visiting, Mrs. A. W. Clark, Mrs. Pope.

Congratulations to Charlie Taylor and Clarence Rawson of our Boys Missionary Club who won the two prizes for best maps of Canada and its Dioceses. These prizes were given by Miss Winifred Woods, Diocesan Sec.-Treas.

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#### ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, BRANDON

Annual reports of parishioners meetings generally have to be based upon the heresy of numbers, statistics, dollars and cents. However, all other things being equal, they are fairly good barometers of things in general. The treasurer was able to show that, although the liabilities had increased somewhat, yet there had been a large increase over the previous year in the amounts that he had received. A great deal of this was due to the work of the organizations. It was also reported that the Sunday School had a larger attendance and number of communicants increased. In due form votes of thanks were accorded all round.

The officers for the year were appointed as follows: Wardens, A. Bland and A. W. Meadows; delegates to synod, J. A. Wankling, E. Daw and A. Bland; substitute, J. C. Cuddington.

At the last meeting of the vestry, J. C. Cuddington was re-appointed envelope secretary. Thanks to the response of the parishioners to the appeal for more envelope subscribers he is now having to work overtime.

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#### ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS, CARROLL

Carroll is one of those lucky congregations which this year end up with a tidy balance in hand. Therefore we are telling everybody about it. Their's is the cash and carry, and not the carry over, system. The following have been elected to office for the ensuing year: Wardens, G. Taylor and R. Sopp; delegate to synod, J. Taylor; substitute, F. Giles. With this line-up things should go as well in the future as in the past.

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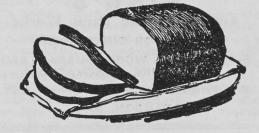
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#### ST. GEORGE'S, BRANDON

The annual parishioner's meeting revealed a happy condition of finances, considering the times. The givings to apportionments was greater than ever before and this probably explains the healthy condition of the general accounts.

The men and boys of the choir have been entertained by Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Butler since our last notes appeared and Mrs. Wickens gave a party to the members of the Sunday school staff and the choir on a recent occasion.

The Men's Fellowship had the privilege of hearing two of the College Professors at its last two meetings. "China" and "Unemployment" were the themes discussed and two very illuminating addresses were given by experts.

The Mothers' Union was addressed by Mrs. Thomas at its January meeting. We invite all women to attend these useful gatherings.

The Scouts' Parents Committee have elected Mr. S. M. Ling as their president and they ask the co-operation of all those who have the care of their boys at heart.

The vestry are staging a concert on the

night of Shrove Tuesday.

By the time these notes appear we shall be into the season of Lent. A special effort should be made to attend the extra services the Penitential season offers. Every Wednesday at 8 p.m. we shall meet in church and there will be four lantern talks given on various occasions.

Every family should get a Lenten Self-

Denial Box.

Confirmation classes are held on Friday—7 p.m. for girls; 8 p.m. for boys. The rector would be glad to hear of any adults who are interested in the Sacred Rite and arrangements will be made accordingly.

# MACGREGOR

A well attended and enthusiastic meeting of the congregation was held on Jan. 15th. Mr. G. Lewin presented the financial statement showing that all current liabilities, the apportionment and mission assessment had been paid in full with a balance in hand. Mrs. H. A. Lye read the W.A. report, and Miss E. Dora McLean the G.A. report. Mr. H. A. Lye read the report of the S.S. showing a larger attendance of children and paid a tribute to the splendid interest and work of the teachers. All the above report a balance on hand. Votes of thanks were paid to the wardens, the choir, the W.A. and the G.A. Mr. A. F. Palmer was very heartily congratulated on completing nearly forty years as choirmaster. this creates a record hard to beat.)

Rector's warden, Mr. G. E. Lewin; people's warden, Mr. C. W. Lye. A. McLean, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Merrick, the Little Helpers; Mrs. Howe, assisted by Mrs. G. McLachlan, the Junior Girls.

A very hearty vote of thanks was given to the Rev. G. L. and Mrs. Armstrong for their work and interest in the parish, thus creating renewed activity in the life of the church.

During 1931 the congregation will celebrate the 32nd anniversary of the opening of the church.

Baptism-Catherine Aletta Hanson.

## + + + AUSTIN

On Jan. 21st the annual parish meeting took place with good attendance. All obligations met. The W.A. have \$97 in hand. Increased attendance; 13 baptisms; 16 confirmed. Wardens, A. B. Phelps and W. F. Sibbit; Synod representatives, A. Booth, W. F. Sibbit, G. Stookes.

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Splendid reports were given at the annual meeting, all obligations met and a balance in hand and so with the W.A. Baptisms 1; confirmed 9. Wardens for 1931, F. Smith and J. J. Barber Sr.

# PRATT

The annual fall bazaar and silver tea was held at the home of Mrs. W. Edkins, Nov. 18th, and was well attended. Proceeds \$50.00.

Sunday, Nov. 23rd, four candidates from Pratt were presented by Rev. G. L. Armstrong to the Lord Bishop for confirmation at Christ Church, Austin.

A social entertainment held in the school house Nov. 26th netted the sum of \$11.00.

A quilting bee was held at the home of Mrs. E. North, Dec. 10th and the quilt, with a child's garment, was sent to St. Faith's as a gift of Christmas cheer.

The annual W.A. meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Albert North, Dec. 3rd. Officers for 1931 were elected as follows: President, Mrs. G. A. North; vice-president, Mrs. G. Wood; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. F. Thomas. Our apportionments were all met in full.

Our apportionments were all met in full. Flowers, etc., were sent to the sick and our aged church members were remembered by Christman and of grantings.

Christmas cards of greetings.

At the close of the Christmas service a Hymn and Prayer Book was presented to Miss Mabel North as a token of recognition of her good services as organist for so many years.

The first Sunday in the New Year our service was taken by the Rev. G. M. Armstrong of Deloraine, who gave a very interesting address, based on the "Moral Brakes of Life."

On January 21st we held another social entertainment and had a record crowd. Proceeds \$14.00. Congratulations!

# ST. MARY'S, VIRDEN

The annual meeting this year was preceded by a banquet for which the men of the vestry made themselves entirely responsible. There was quite a large attendance and keen interest was shown in the various propositions brought forward. Good reports were submitted by all departments, although financially our position is not as satisfactory as we should wish. Mr. R. L. Carr was appointed rector's warden and Mr. Ralph Stephenson re-elected as people's warden with a strong vestry of twelve members.

Our fuel problem this year has been solved at very slight expense. Several of our country members have brought us in loads of wood, and all the coal used up to Christmas was provided through the generosity of the Girl Guides, Boy Scouts, Wolf Cubs and the Sunday School.

At our first vestry meeting this year it was decided to buy an acre of standing wood to be used instead of coal and a committee was appointed to take the matter in hand. The men of the congregation entered wholeheartedly into the plan and those who were unable to help with the cutting supplied a man to take their places. Others came along with teams to draw the logs out of the bush, after which they were brought up out of the valley by motor truck. This should supply our needs not only for the balance of this year but also for a good part of next winter.

# SIOUX INDIAN MISSION

Most hearty thanks are extended to all those who contributed towards the Indians' feast and Christmas tree held on Christmas Day at the Sioux Mission. About a hundred and fifty Indians sat down to the feast. And Santa Claus had presents of toys, candy bags, and clothing for every one of the hundred or so children on the Reserve under the age of 12, as well as food and clothing to all the old folks on the Reserve.

After the feast the Christmas hymns were sung in their own Dakota tongue led by Chief Matthew Pratt and his sons, with Mrs. Pratt at the organ. Then Joe Ironman, their lay reader, told them once again the wonderful Christmas story. Next these shy day school kiddies ventured bravely out on their first attempt at the public entertaining of their people in English, by singing Christmas carols and singing and explaining how to keep healthy and strong by drill and action songs. Then Mrs. Macleod, a Sioux Indian visitor, from a sister church in Beulah, gave a very eloquent Christmas message. And several Indian men as well, including a very amusing debate, as to whether the Indian was better or not for being taught to read and write! all in their own Dakota tongue. The evening closed by the coming of Santa and his wife to distribute the gifts from the tree.

there were apples and peanuts for all.

On New Year's Eve the men started off their weekly meeting for the winter with an open night at which over 60 were present. And with checkers and dominoes and plenty of "Daily Mirrors" (sent out from England) they spent a pleasant evening. Appples, tea and sandwiches were served by the ladies at

11 p.m. and the old year rung out, and the new year rung in by the church bell.

Mention must be made of the indefatigable members of our Indian W.A. who not only served the feast on Christmas Day but the lunch on New Year's Eve, not forgetting to mention the splendid "collecting" of Mrs. Pratt.

# T T T

The annual parishioners meeting was held on Jan. 30th with a fair attendance. Mr. E. D. Alder gave the financial report, which owing to the depressed times, showed a deficit, both in the missionary apportionment and the stipend accounts. However, it is hoped that these deficits will be wiped out shortly.

The reports from all the organizations were very satisfactory. The S.S. with 23 names on the roll had an average attendance of 21½ and 9 of the pupils had a perfect record for the whole year.

The senior branch of the W.A. paid their pledges in full besides sending three bales and helping in the parish. Their receipts for the year being \$237.67.

The Parish Guild through their work raised the sum of \$435.99. They had paid for the painting of the exterior of the church, paid the taxes insurance and repairs on the rectory and assisted the vestry by paying off a note and helping with the insurance on the church.

The W.A. Juniors under the able leadership of Misses M. D. Hockin and E. Paul hold the wonderful record of a perfect attendance of every member at every meeting throughout the year.

Mr. Littler appointed Mr. S. P. Fall as his warden again and Mr. E. D. Alder was unanimously re-elected people's warden. The old vestry were also re-elected with a few additional names.

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## DEANERY OF BIRTLE

#### BIRTLE

Looking over the chief parochial events for January I find them to be healthy annual reports from all organizations and a general series of rejoicings thereat.

St. Alban's, Blenheim, held the annual meeting in the fall of 1930 and the following officers were elected: Wardens: Mr. A. O. Webb, rector's; Mr. C. Spncer, people's; Mrs. S. Reid, secretary. The vestry remaining the same as 1930. Delegates to Synod, the wardens.

St. George's held the annual meeting on the 21st, the following officers being appointed: Rector's warden, G. W. Moxham; people's, T. Copeland. The vestry was re-elected with two additions, G. B. Spencer and W. O. Curll. Miss M. Smith was re-elected vestry clerk. The wardens were appointed delegates to Synod, with G. B. Spencer and S. Templer as substitutes. All liabilities had been met including their share of the apportionment with a cash



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# HOME

"Our gracious King, in a famous message to his people, said some years ago that our greatness in its highest sense depended upon the character of the homes of the people of these islands. And how true it is! Instances, of course, can be quoted in plenty of the son or daughter of a godly home bartering his or her birthright. But who but a fool would maintain that a nation whose every household made an altar of its family hearth and outwardly testified to the sacredness of home and domestic relationships would not be stronger, nobler, and happier than a nation in whose homes the subject of religion as the supreme family tie is hardly mentioned and such a thing as an act of united family recognition of God is unknown? Reticence in talking of religious matters may be regarded as good form, but it is thoroughly bad Christianity. The early Christians, whose passionate faith carried the Gospel throughout the Mediterranean and laid the foundations of the Catholic Church, did not hesitate to speak of the things which concern the soul!

"And may I say in passing that the disappearance of that family recognition of God whereby its members were wont to stand for a moment in reverence before the great Father in heaven as each meal was prefaced by words of thanks to Him as the Giver of all mercies, is a loss more serious than perhaps we realize. It is by the consecration of these homes of ours to the love and obedience of God that the nation with all its varied activities will come to evidence that same spirit towards Him who is the Lord of nations and of men."

(An address to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, June 6, 1930 by C. L. Warr.)

# Lambeth and War

One of the most important sections of the Lambeth report deals with the subject of peace and war. In the mind of the people generally it has been rather overshadowed by what was said about marriage, and Christian re-union. But the resolutions about peace deserve our most careful attention. Resolution twenty-five lays down a clear and unmistakeable principle: "The Conference affirms that war as a method of settling international disputes, is incompatible with the teaching and example of our Lord Jesus Christ." Over and over again we have been told that war is to be deplored because of the terrible losses inflicted even upon the mining nation. But now the Bishops assembled at Lambeth tell us that war is "an outrage on the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of all mankind." The custom of trying to settle questions of right and wrong, of justice and injustice, by armies shooting at each other on the field of battle is judged to be primitive, barbarian, and contrary to the principles of Christianity.

But the Bishops do not fall into the opposite error—"We do not deny" they say "the right of a nation to defend itself if attacked." But to allow the possibility of a war of self-defence, in no way detracts from the importance of general principle laid down. Right cannot be built upon might, but only upon conscience. Peace will never "be achieved until international relations are controlled by religious and moral standards," and the Bishops provide a test whereby a Christian Churchman can decide whether a war is a war of self defence or not. "The Conference holds that the Christian Church in every nation should refuse to countenance any war in regard to which the Government of its country has not declared its willingness to submit the matter in despite to arbitration or conciliation." No one who grasps the Bishop's meaning here can fail to realize that it lays a very serious duty upon all who profess to be Christians. It is the duty of doing what in them lays to build up a world conscience, a work which must be everywhere undertaken. It is for this reason that the Bishops urge all Christian people to support the League of Nations, and the World Alliance for promoting international friendship through the Churches. At the present time it rather seems as though the work of both these valuable bodies was at a standstill because of the absence of the necessary enthusiasm to carry them forward. But emphatically the efforts of both are needed yet. Old fears are taking new forms. Hard times are strengthening national prejudices. In some quarters a sense of injustice is breeding revolt and revolt breeds fear. The message of the Church was never more needed and we Anglicans may be thankful that we have that message in authoritative form.

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# The Sunday Question

Many people think of Sunday chiefly as a day of rest. It is much more than that. It is also a day of liberty, a day when we are relieved from the compulsion and strain of daily work. In that way it has special value for those whose occupation is mechanical and monotonous. "On Sunday a man is King of his own life." The observance of Sunday and the development of personal liberty flourish in the same soil. The nations which have safeguarded Sunday most zealously are those which enjoy the most personal liberty. Sunday is not something imposed upon men against their will, as some misrepresent it to be, but a rich inheritance of freedom and opportunity.

For the Christian Sunday is all this, but first and foremost it is the day which commemorates our Lord's resurrection from the dead. He welcomes its weekly return for the opportunity it affords him to meet with his fellow Christians for public worship in the House of God. In the past teachers and preachers have stressed entirely too much the negative side of Sunday observance. They have laid the chief emphasis on the things that Christians should not do on the Lord's Day. What we need today is to emphasize the things that Christians ought to do, and then leave it to each man's conscience to decide the things that he ought not to do.

Public worship is a duty which we owe to God and to our own souls. No Lord's Day should be allowed to pass without our taking our part therein.

E. I.

## Dincese of Moosonee

Word has just come telling of the death, in October, of Rev. Chas. Iserhoff of Mistasinni. and Rev. Nero Fleming of Great Whale River.

Mr. Iserhoff was born and brought up in the Mission and for twenty-five years had served his Master with a devotion and satisfaction not often equalled. He was 72 years old when he died. He was ordained two years ago. Mr. Fleming was in charge of an Eskimo Mission and like Mr. Iserhoff, grew up with the work and was trained while he worked. These men were called of God, and the Diocese has suffered a great loss in their death. Miss Rafuse has resigned her position as Matron at the Moose Fort school because of ill health.

Mr. McReynolds who has spent long years in the service of the Lord is retiring from the work in Hearst.

His Lordship Bishop Anderson has visited Iroquois Falls and Mattice for confirmations. Five were confirmed at the former and four at the later place.

Rev. W. R. Tindle was introduced into the work at Monteith on Jan. 11th. Several new branches of the A.Y.P.A. have been organized in the Diocese and are all doing splendid work.

Ven. Archdeacon Woodall, Rev. W. B. Williston and four of Holy Trinity choir boys visited Island falls on Dec. 18th and Fraserdale on the 19th and conducted Christmas services at both places. Island Falls is the site of the present power plant and Fraserdale (the Canyon) is where the new power house is being built. At this place thirteen hundred men are being employed. At both of these places Mr. Williston holds a monthly service.

His Lordship Bishop Anderson visited Smooth Rock Falls, where he conducted services. A Layreader has been licensed for work there and a promising work is bein gstarted. During past years services have occasionally been held there. Diocese of Huran

Mr. Edwin Smith, a well known Londoner, has been elected president of the Laymen's association of the Deanery of East Middlesex. The members of the National Commission were in the Diocese in the middle of January.

Executive of Columbia Coast Mission Selected for Coming Year

At the first annual meeting of the Deanery Association of the "Columbia Coast Mission" in Bishop Cronyn Hall, Rev. (Captain) John Antle gave a very interesting lecture recounting the wonderful work that is being done among the Indian villages and the scattered white folk off the Vancouver coast. Especially interesting were moving pictures of the Dean of Edmonton, in his shirt sleeves, carrying the lumber to build a school, and helping carry stretcher cases on board the Columbia.

Executive for the coming year was elected as follows: Patron, the Archbishop of Huron; honorary president, Rev. R. J. Bowen; president, Claire Jarvis; vice-president, Miss Shaw-Wood; secretary-treasurer, C. R. Eden; executive committee, Messrs J. K. H. Pope, W. Collyer, H. Slade and Mrs. Manigault.

The late Mrs. Randall Kenney, of Sarnia, bequeathed to the rector and wardens of St. George's Anglican Church, Sarnia, \$1,000; to the Diocesan board of the Diocese of Huron of the Anglican Church, \$2,000; to the Salvation Army, \$100.

St. John's Church, Strathroy, have erected a stained glass window to the memory of the late Rev. (Major) Pugsley, a former Rector of the Church.

# Dincese of Niagara Harriston Anniversary

An interesting booklet has been printed to commemorate the sixtieth anniversity of St. George's Church, Harriston. The booklet contains photographs of all the rectors who have been in charge of the church and has a fine portrait of the Bishop of Niagara. The present Rector is the Rev. Canon R. L. Weaver, Rural Dean of Wellington.

# The Archbishop of York Re-Union

The Archbishop of York addressing the full Synod of York Convocation pointed out that there had been criticism of the amount of space devoted by the Lambeth Committee on unity to the subject of the historic Episcopate. The Archbishop says that they did so because they had been asked to give a full exposition of what the phrase "Historic Episcopate" is to be understood to mean. This, accordingly, we attempted to do. We made it clear that our position does not depend on the result of controversy between scholars with regard to Church order in the apostolic and sub-apostolic age. We saw no reason to doubt that, whatever other forms of order may have co-existed with it at first, the order which emerged as universal at the end of the second century had its place in the Church from the beginning; and from the third to the sixteenth century it held the field without a rival. It is, therefore, in the words of the report, "historical in a sense in which no other now can ever be." This is the element for which we are in a special sense trustees for the Church of the future as we enter into negotiation with non-episcopal Churches with a view to union. But the report emphatically recognizes "that those with whom we seek to be in fuller unity must equally safe-guard the special treatures of their own tradition." We are not offering an ultimatum, but a contribution to the general good. And the commendation of the South India Scheme is evidence that our ideal is not merely one of absorption.

Dealing with the Anglican declaration of 1923 that non Episcopal ministries "are real ministries of Christ's Word and Sacraments in the Univeral Church," he complains that difficulties are often caused by quoting these words in isolation from their context. The last paragraph but one before that containing this sentence ends with the words "we regard them certain nonepiscopal ministries) as being within their several spheres real ministries in the Universal Church." And the very next words after the must quoted sentence are these:—"Yet ministries, even when so regarded, may be in varying degrees irregular or defective." It is in my judgement most unfortunate that the sentence in question should have been thus isolated, and not altogether just to its authors. The sentence, thus isolated, has been presented to us as a declaration on which we ought to act on pain of proving ourselves deficient in sincerity. The action indicated was some formal act or permission of intercommunion as a practical recognition of the reality of the ministries in question. But it is perfectly clear that the authors of the memorandum never contemplated such action on the basis of this statement alone until the other matters also dealt with in the memorandum had been cleared up. The frequent reiteration of this fallaciously isolated sentence has obscured the issue. It is clearly futile to argue about the possible implications of words if those implications were not intended; union is not advanced, but rather retarded by such a process. It is abundantly clear from the full text of the memorandum that its authors did not intend and would not accept the implications in question.

The Archbishop says that Anglican and Free Churchmen have drifted into misunderstanding and then adds:

"Two things have, I think, become plain as a result of comments made upon the Lambeth Resolution. One is that those chiefly interested in reunion between ourselves and the Free Churches had drifted into a misunderstanding because each was assuming the other to intend what in fact was not intended. We must recover full mutual understanding, even at the cost of emphasizing differences, before we can fruitfully discuss further the way to reunion."

# **PROTESTANT**

The Editor of the Church Messenger:

Your explanation and definition of the word "Potestant" in the January number is not, I think, correct. The original meaning of the word is one who makes a solemn declaration of resolution, fact or opinion, and in the case of marine accidents the shipmaster still makes his protest through his notary, that is, a solemn statement of the particulars of the accident. In the religious sense it was first used to express the same idea, as Dean Inge points out, and as you will find ample authority to support—"The negative meaning, of an expression of dissent, is later than the original application of the name to the Reformed Churches, which dates from a Declaration made by the Lutheran princes and some Free Cities in 1529. Their "Protestation' was simply an assertion of the liberty of reforming Diets. It is ignorance that seeks to restrict the word to the attitude of an objector." I am proud to be a protestant in the proper sense of the word, i.e., one who makes a solemn assertion of his faith; for this is not to attack the faith of any other Christian person. On the other, I am glad to notice that more and more of our people—high, low and broad—are realizing that the words of the creed, "I believe in the holy Catholic Church" expresses a great and precious truth and has a personal application, in that each member, of our Church is in every proper sense a Catholic.

January 7th, 1931.

# Some Aspects of Personal Religion

II—THE LOVE OF GOD IN THE SOUL
By Rev. Ebenezer Scott, M.A., B.D., Ahuntsic, Montreal

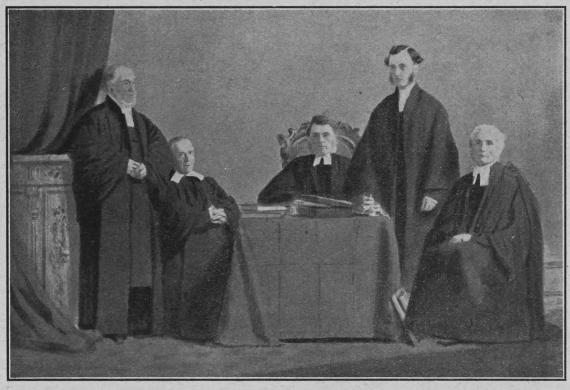
If the foundations of the religious life are laid in the thought of the "two only supreme and luminously self-evident beings,"—God and oneself, this thought implies the recognition of a direct personal relation between God and the soul; and this personal relation itself can only be founded on love. Personal religion cannot adequately be built up on fear. There is indeed a species of fear, a "holy fear," which contains within itself the beginnings of love. But fear is of value only as a discipline. The perfect love, so exquisitely defined by St. John, "casteth out fear."

When we subject the expression, the love of God, to the hard test of grammar, it may bear two meanings—God's love of man, and man's love of God. But, with St. John again as our guide, the true Christian view of the love of God rises above the grammatical distinction. The nature of God Himself supplies the source and motive of all love in the heart and life of man. God is love. Love is a natural result of our relation to God. Our love of God is begotten of His love of us. It is the answering movement of kindred affections. The soul's love of God is the love of God in the soul.

The love of God is the love which embraces all creation, the love which made all the worlds—the love, in the immortal words of Dante, "which moves the sun and the other stars." At the same time it is the love which singles out every individual soul of man. If we surrender ourselves to that Almighty love, it takes up its abode within our hearts. All human love is gathered into the circle of God's own love. "We love Him because He first loved us." The broader rendering of the Revised Version is also the more correct: "We love because He first loved us." Not only our love of God, but our love of our fellow-men as well, every deed of charity, every impulse of generosity and mercy, is the offshoot of the all-ambracing love of God.

Thus the divine and the human mingle together in the love of God in the soul, as the divine love was manifested by the Son of God's love who came into our humanity. Love is therefore, while of pure spiritual origin, an intensely personal and always an active thing. Love gives, love suffers, and, if need be, love dies, to prove its divine inheritance. Love cannot exhaust its energy; love cannot be destroyed by time or death; love is of God, and is from everlasting to everlasting.

# The First House of Bishops of Canada



Above is a photograph of the first House of Bishops of the province of Canada, 1861-4. Reading from left to right the bishops are: Rt. Rev. Benjamin Cronyn, of Huron, The Hon. and Rt. Rev. John Strachan of Toronto, The Most Rev. Francis Fulford, of Montreal and first Metropolitan of the province of Canada, Rt. Rev. John Travers Lewis of Ontario and Rt. Rev. George Jehosphaphat Mountain of Quebec.

The great interest of this photograph lies in the fact that neither the diocese of Nova Scotia, nor Fredericton was in the first province of Canada. However these two dioceses did become part of the province in 1864. Thus the Church of England had confederation three years before the Dominion of Canada came into being. The originial of the above photograph is in S. P. G. House, London, England, and the reproduction is given through the courtesy of the Secretary. The information regarding this picture and the print used were supplied by Prof. A. H. Young of Trinity College to whom Church Messenger is indebted.

#### The Chamber of Peace

"O God uplift me from the earth And break the chains which bind me fast; In Thee alone my soul had birth And Thou wilt be its home at last.

Withdraw the veil before my eyes Which screens the spirit-world from view And let reflections from the skies Shine round me like the morning dew.

There in the world, and yet apart, Shall I find freedom and release, And build within my secret heart A little chamber filled with peace." F. G. SCOTT.

We cannot kindle when we will The fire which in our heart resides; The spirit bloweth and is still, In mystery our soul abides. But tasks in hours of insight will'd Can be through hours of gloom fulfill'd. -MATTHEW ARNOLD.

#### THREE LENTEN STEPS

The First Step

Consider carefully whether you will "keep Lent" this year. Study the question on all sides. Realize what the season means and can do for you—how much you need it. There is no doubt how you will decide.

The Second Step

How will you keep it? Have a plan. Arrange what services you will attend; what books you will read; what times you will give to private devotions; what Christian work you will undertake. Determine what habits you will practice; what graces you will cultivate. By all means, have a definite plan. The Third Step

Persevere. Keep your plan throughout the whole season. Endure to the end.

Never willingly miss a service.

God gives us always strength enough and sense enough for what He wants us to do.-Ruskin.

## Diocese of Edmonton

On Christmas Day a very beautiful window was unveiled at the Parish Church of St. Mary and St. George, Jasper. This window is the gift of the local branch of the W.A., this begins the result of small gifts given by more ing the result of small gifts given by members of the W.A. for the last ten years.

The subject of the window is Jesus in the House of Mary and Martha and the colouring is bright and very effective, the glass is Canadian made and compares well with the best

English stained glass.

The window which occupied the centre position of the East Windows, was unveiled by the Rector, Rev. H. A. Edward, together with Mrs. Milner the W.A. President. The Dedica-tion prayer and the service that followed was given by Ven. Archdeacon Burgett.
The Diocese which is suffering from the

present financial crisis in the West, due to the low price of wheat has nevertheless been able to send in its full for 1930. Missionary Apportionment in

# Diocese of Montreal

The rights of Anglican children in the public schools of Montreal have been considered by the city clergy. A resolution was passed, asking the school authorities to see, that Anglican children be allowed to attend public worship on such days as the Epiphany and the Ascension without prejudice to their status in school. In practice this right has not been recognized in some districts, and individual boys and girls have suffered in consequence.

During the Advent season the central parishes in Montreal combined in holding a mid-week service. The result of this plan was beneficial in two ways: It provided an opportunity for members of different congregations to worship together, and it consolidated a spiritual effort in one spot, which was more effective as an act of witness and of worship. Co-operations be-tween parishes of all schools of thought has developed noticeably, and is certainly a healthy

The teaching value of the magic lantern and the drama is being tested this season. Lantern lectures on motor-van work in the west and on the Oberammergau passion play have been given with good results; several didactic plays have also been given. Particular mention should be made of "The great trail," by M. E. J. Hobart, which was staged for the first time in Montreal by the young people of St. Columba's parish. This play is a happy combination of church teaching and the missionary call.

The Rev. H. C. Winch has recovered from his illness, and has taken up his duties once more at St. John's, P.Q.

# Diacese of Toronto

In St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, the last of the coloured windows has been placed and dedicated. It completes an historic sequence as well as a decorative scheme, and links the beginning of the Church in England commemorated in the Saint Augustine window with the founding of the Church of England, celebrated in the Reformation window. Caedmon, the Saxon poet-monk, and the Venerable Bede, the father of English learning, are the central figures of the new windows which are a gift to the Cathedral by the Heward family.

The new St. Luke's Church, Toronto, built from the proceeds of the old St. Luke's on Bay St., has been opened and dedicated. The new Church is located on Westwood Ave. Memorial windows, furnishings and even the wardens have been retained, although the old parish, which for many years played an important role in city life, is no more. The new Church is unique in that the lines of the old Church have been followed in its design. The new Church has a seating capacity of 400, and will ulti-mately when the south nave is extended and transepts added have room for 750.

In the presence of a large congregation which included his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, Hon. W. D. Ross, and his predecessor, Hon. Harry Cockshutt, Canon Cody dedicated a beautiful series of civil and ecclesiastical coats of arms in St. Paul's church, Toronto. Adding their beauty to those of the richly colored windows and the stately stone arches with which St. Paul's already was endowed, the coats of arms are all carved in stone and carried out in color with the proper heraldic colors, and are most effective against the grey stone of the gallery balustrade, beneath which they have been given place.

The Arms of the Dominion of Canada have been presented by Gerald Larkin in memory of his father, the late Hon. P. C. Larkin, High Commissioner for Canada in England. The Arms of Ontario have been given by Hon. G. Howard Ferguson. The Arms of the County of York are given by Alfred Rogers and those of the City of Toronto by E. J. Lennox. The Arms of the University of Toronto is the gift of Sir William Mulock, Chancellor of the Uni-

There are also the ecclesiastical arms of various diocese, showing the descent of the Diocese

of Toronto from Canterbury.

The Coat of Arms of the Diocese of Toronto has been presented by James Nicholson, Lay Secretary of the Synod. Hon. Harry C. Cock-shutt has presented the Coat of Arms of the Diocese of Quebec. The Arms of the Diocese of Nova Scotia are the gift of Duncan Mc-Laren, and those of the Diocese of London of Frank A. Rolph. The Coat of Arms of Canter-bury is the gift of Mrs. John Stewart, National President of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire.

Rev. E. Ralph Adye, curate of St. Peter's Church, Cobourg, has been appointed rector of All Saint's Church, Whitby.

Rev. D. M. Rose, Orillia, has been elected Rural Dean of East Simcoe.

## + Diorese of Kootenay

Rt. Rev. A. J. Doull, D.D., Bishop of Kootenay, recently dedicated the sanctuary of East Trail Anglican mission. Rev. N. D. B. Larmonth of St. Andrews and Rev. C. W. P. Kirksey of the mission assisted.
"Ye shall bear witness unto Me" was the text chosen by his lordship.



# One Communio

#### FEBRUARY

Stood open, and we enter'd. On my frame

At such transition from the fevid air,

A grateful coolness fell that seemed to strike The heart, in concert with that temperate awe And natural reverence which the place inspir-

'Twas large and massy, for duration built; With pillars crowded, and the roof upheld By naked rafters intricately crossed.

Wordsworth "Read he the Form of Communion, and in chimed the organ and anthem;

Holy Lamb of God, who takest away our

transgressions,
Hear us! give us Thy peace! have mercy, have
mercy upon us!

The old man, with trembling hand, and heavenly pearls on his eyelids,

Filled now the chalice and paten, and dealt round the mystical symbols.

Longfellow "The portals of the sacred pile stood open, and we entered." In the gray of a November afternoon the church, empty of people, seemed peopled with shadows and "with pillars crowded." It brought to mind Wordsworth's church, though that was in a lonely English dale, and this stood on a business street in the heart of Toronto, Canada.

Built of wood in 1841, and named for the great cathedral in London, England, and for the greater Apostle to the Gentiles, St. Paul's boasts of being one of the three oldest churches in Toronto, the other two being St. James, Cathedral, and Holy Trinity. No relic of that first little church of wood, "with its high steeple formed of four gigantic pines" is left, the present magnificent building being erected in 1909; but if St. Paul's keeps no memorials

of its own past, it does of the past of the Church, setting in its wall a stone from far Ionia, that island in the Scottish seas which with English Glastonbury are the cradles of our Church of England.

For St. Paul's, Toronto, is one of our many churches in which is displayed that best phase of the modern spirit, the spirit that instead of saying (as was the custom even a few decades back) "The past is dead and valueless, all wisdom began with us and we began about three hundred years ago"! We now reach our hands out to that past, seeking its treasures, seeking closer kinship with it saints—the saints of Glastonbury (God knows their names if we do not) of Ionia, and of Canterbury; the saints of the

first churches of Jerusalem and of Antioch; and so drawing nearer unto Him before whom all saints and martyrs cast their crowns-our Lord Jesus Christ.

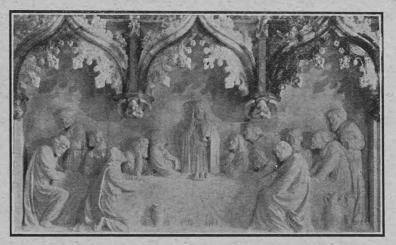
We will speak again of that holy stone, that fragment of rock from beside an ancient British church of the sixth century, cemented into the walls of a Canadian church of the twentieth century. And both alike are of the diocese of "The portals of the sacred pile Jesus Christ, the great Bishop of our souls.

But what most held our eyes in that empty, shadowed church building was the pure white light shining from the wall behind the Table of the Lord, which same call the Altar. Skillful hands had hid the actual lights so that it seemed to shine out from the bas-relief of grayish marble, on which was carved the Last Supper. For a moment I saw it, and then in-stead of the November shadowed Toronto church I was back in imagination to my first day in Italy. I trod again the sun-mellowed stones in the radiant light of a southern sun, and I saw again what to me is the greatest picture of all time, the Last Supper of Leonardo da Vinci, in S Maria delle Graxie, Milan.

In that picture the Cup (our chalice) stands out radient, but there seems to be no plate, (our paten) the cakes of unleavened bread lying on the white cloth with which the Table is spread. We cannot say if our Lord used a plate or not at the institution of the Holy Communion, it is enough for us that the Church has ordained the use of the paten for conven-

ience and decent serving.

But the Cup, the Holy Grail of mediaeval legend, is there a possibility that it came to that first British Church at Glastonbury?-"that Cup, the Cup itself from which our Lord drank at that last, sad supper with His own?" We cannot tell; the revival and expanding of the ancient legend of the Grail took place in the eleventh century, in the first of those great British revivals which have endowered our Church with grace and power. This was fostered if not led by the austere Cistercians, and it was needed, for Europe was rising out of the Dark Ages; England was altogether in the (comparative) civilization of mediaevalism. Saxon England and Norman England were being forgotten in English, in British, England. There was a sudden interest in British history, pilgrims went to Glastonbury to visit King



The Last Supper-St. Paul's, Toronto

Arthur's tomb, and everywhere story-tellers recited the tales of his knights. And to counteract the sometimes doubtful morality of these romances the Church of Engrevived and expanded the old legend of the Holy Grail, and such was the depth of the revival of devotion among the people that this addition, with its highest ideals of purity, was welcomed at once, and so inter-woven with the Arthurian legends that we (knowing them mainly through Tennyson) cannot think of Arthur's story with the Holy Grail left out. And it may be that this impressing of the Sacremental Cup on English imaginations had much to do with our final breach with Rome, for she, strangely ignoring our Lord's command, "Drink ye all of it," denied the Cup to the laity, and then claimed an unwarranted sanctity for the Bread. And so it was that holding chalice as well as paten in her hands the Church of England came to Canada.

In those early days of hardest living the service of the Lord's Table in those little pioneer churches, (and often in some town hall) was of the simplest; and probably when a little church had a services of silver, as it grew great, being rebuilded in beauty, the plain and worn chalice and paten were passed on to some little struggling church that needed such to serve on its humble altar of wood new-carved from the forest.

One church at least in Ontario still uses the same altar plate that it did at its opening, in 1785. The church is the first raised in Ontario for our service, and is still the same as when opened; it is the old Mohawk Church near Brantford. And still on its simple Table of the Lord shines the silver flagon, chalice and almsbasin, bearing the arms of Queen Anne. A second flagon and the paten, of the same set, were given to the Indian Church near Deseronto.

Probably others of our older churches, and the cathedrals in our cities, have the altar plate used by the churches on their sites in early days, but we were unable to gather any data on the subject.

After all it was the service itself of Holy Communion that counted, not the gold, or silver, or pewter that held the mysterical elements, and in the life of Bishop Strachan we read of one of his missionary journeys through his wide diocese, in 1841. At one tiny pioneer church the young wife of the priest in charge not long out from England, knelt at the altar rail beside an Indian girl, making her first Communion after Baptism and Confirmation. And on the other side of the English lady knelt a negro man, in his boyhood a slave, (Canada abolished slavery in 1803) and now admitted into the absolute equality of the Lord's Table in the Church of England. There was much wild talk then of "Liberty, Fraternity and Equality"; the bolshevism of 1793 was still rampant in that world where our pioneers were making Canada, and we can believe Governor Simcoe, when he claimed that the establishing of the Church of England in Upper Canada would do much to steady the minds of the people, and "the best security for all just Gov-



Interior of St. Paul's, Toronto

ernment" is when the People can be reasoned with, when they honor the king and keep the law, because they love the Lord at whose altar they kneel.



## TEACHER TRAINING

## Changes in Text Books and Regulations

Attention is called to the following changes in connection with the Teacher Training Courses of the General Board of Religious Education.

## 1. Correspondence Course

Candidates taking the Correspondence Course will please note that after January 1931, they will be required to submit, for the approval of the Examiner, at least two lesson outlines, over and above what is prescribed in the Correspondence Course Notes, before they can receive their certificates.

#### 2. Standard Course

Candidates who are studying the Standard Course are asked to note the following changes in the Text Books prescribed in this course, viz:

#### i. The Bible

A Biblical Thoroughfare, by Talbot, has been added as an alternative to Sermons on the books of the Bible, by Hort.

#### ii. The Prayer Book

An Introduction to the Prayer Book, by Vroom, has been substituted for Everyman's History of the Prayer Book, by Dearmer, as the latter is now out of print.

#### R. A. HILTZ,

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# THE MOTHER'S PAGE

SELF EXPRESSION
By Lereine Ballantyne

Nettie tore the first page from the calendar, because January had passed, and when she saw February her first thought was St. Valentine day.

"Oh Mother, may I have a party?" she asked.

After thinking it over carefully for a few minutes, her mother replied, "I shall give my permission on one condition, which is, that you must make all arrangement yourself. I shall prepare the food, but you do the rest."

"But Mother, I don't know how!" exclaimed Nettie.

"All the more reason why you should learn. There are books at the library and magazines at home. Look up some of the ideas used last year."

Nettie had no brothers or sisters, and being an only child her mother had been inclined to help her in practically all the little details of her life, and she suddenly realized that her little daughter was not nearly so clever at doing things as were some of her playmates, and so she chose this pleasant method of making her child think and plan for herself.

Two things happened. The party was a huge success, and Nettie enjoyed it far more than she would have if she had not had a share in preparing the decorations and details.

This is an age of irresponsibility, when youth throws off as swiftly as possible fettering cares. Perhaps it is the speed and the number of conveniences which tend to make for this conditions. It is not altogether healthy. That is why many parents are moving out from urban centres to suburban districts. Life is less complex in a smaller constituency.

When mother was a girl, it was the fashion for young ladies to be able to play reasonably well, sing if they had a voice, sew finely, and assist in parlour entertaining in various ways. Natural expression found outlet in wholesome fun, and jolly games. To-day dancing and bridge have replaced these

bridge have replaced these forms of amusement to far too great an extent.

It is not so much that one disapproves of this type of amusement so much as the losing of the old ways. Because much that is artistic has gone out with them. Radio has made music easy of access, and it is just a matter of rolling up the rug and tuning in when the young folks get together.

young folks get together.

The point is that it is all so easy. There is very little left that developes originality in us, and after all that is the greatest stimulant in life. There are other stimulants to be sure, just as easy to obtain as radio

music but the effect the next day is not so healthy, and say what you will the artist or inventor who produces something of his very own is the happiest man in the world.

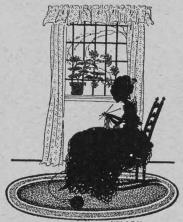
The young people today are splendid. They are healthy, happy, and delightfully candid, and guided in the right direction should do better and bigger things than their parents ever dreamed.

There was something very splendid about the old fashioned parties. Time will never erase the old old Christmas customs from that season, and rather than replace them, every modern form of entertainment adapts them to the present day. Such things are too fine to lose sight of, and this applies to more than Christmas customs.

Mothers must be watchful and in a tactful way teach the younger people self-reliance. There seems to have been an era folowing the hard pioneer age, in which men and women of Canada were striving to make life easier for their children. This is a tendency which can have disastrous results if carried too far. There is a creative urge within all of us which must be expressed, and the more outlets afforded, the happier is the individual.

City women in apartments, doctors claim, are more open to nervous diseases, than are their sisters who live in a home surrounded by a garden and all its attendant demands. There is something to do, and the beauty of flowers is a constant tonic for the soul. And happy is the girl or boy who grows up, and lives intimately with such things in those formative youthful days.

A little bird with plumage brown, Beside my window flutters down, A moment chirps its little strain, Then taps upon my window-pane. He chirps again, and hope along, To call attention to his song; But I work on, nor heed its lay, Till, in neglect, it flies away.



So birds of peace and hope and love

Come fluttering earthward from above,

To settle on life's window-sills,
And ease our load of earthly ills;
But we, in traffic's rush and din
Too deep engaged to let them in,
With deadened heart and sense
plod on,

Nor know our loss till they are gone.

-Paul L. Lundar.

# One Hundred Years Ago

(From the Christian Sentinel)

(From the "The Christian Sentinal," a diocesan weekly, under the patronage of the Bishop of Quebec, published at Three Rivers, P.Q., Friday, 11th February, 18th February, 4th March, 1831).

York. Jan. 27th, 1831—To the Editor—Rev. Sir.—On the 16th of this month the Lord Bishop of the Diocese admitted in the Parish Church at York, the Rev. William Johnson, of Sandwich in the Western District, to the holy order of Priests. A sermon adapted to the occasion was preached by the Venerable the Archdeacon of York, from I Pet. iii. 15, "Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts; and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." From these words, after enforcing the necessity of order and union in the church and the importance of its proper government, the Venerable preacher enlarged in an energetic manner on the qualification requisite in a Christian Minister, more espec-ially the essential ones of sincerity, competent knowledge, diligence and meekness. On Sunday the 23rd, His Lordship held a Confirmation in the Church at Vaughan, where twenty persons were confirmed; also on the following day in the church on the 6th concession in Markham, where eighteen persons received that holy rite. These congregations are chiefly Germans, and are under the charge of the Rev. Mr. Mayerhoffer, who is most assiduous in the discharge of his laboring duties. I am, Rev. Sir, etc., R. D. Cartwright.

Upper Canada, Feb., 1831—Rev. Sir—I am extremely sorry to learn that there is even the remotest possibility of your useful publication being discontinued, for want of sufficient encouragement and support. Equally sorry am I to learn, that many of our brethren in the Ministry, are so culpably indifferent to the good cause, as to suffer so useful an auxiliary to their labours, as a well-conducted religious paper, to languish for want of some trifling exertions on their parts . . . How far different is the conduct of the ministers of some other denominations in this Province. Fully aware of the powerful assistance to be derived from a popular religious publication, every preacher is an active agent in promoting its circulation amongst the members of his congregation . . . Why should not the clergymen of our own communion be equally engaged in obtaining subscribers to the only religious periodical in the country which advocates the cause of the Anglo-Canadian Church? But, Sir, although it may appear to be more particularly incumbent upon the ministers of the Church to exert themselves in such a cause, yet I certainly conceive that there is also much blame to be attached to our people in this respect. Many of them seem to consider that no exertion is necessary or even to be expected on their parts, in advancing the prosperity of the Church of which they profess themselves members—These exertions they leave to their Ministers . . . There are indeed many honourable exceptions to these remarks . . .

In the humble hope that these remarks may be the means of rousing some, both clergy and laity, to exert themselves in warding off the reproach, which must attach to then should your paper be discontinued from the Cause assigned, I am Rev. and dear Sir, sincerely yours, A. Missionary.

Letters received, with their contents, from the following Rev. gentlemen: Mr. Grout of Grimsby; Mr. Parkin of Sherbrook; Mr. Nelles, of Grand River, U.C., and Mr. Patton of Kemptville.

A supplement to Friday night's London Gazette contains an order of the Privy Council, that the Archbishop of Canterbury shall "prepare forms of prayer to Almighty God on account of the troubled state of certain parts of the United Kingdom."

News—Some of the dastardly incendiaries, who have committed such devastations in Engand, have met the punishment due to their crimes. Six have been ordered for execution, and many have been sentenced to transportation. The courts, however, have generally leaned to the side of mercy. The poor wretch declared he had been incited to the committal of his crimes by the infamous writing of Cobbett. (From the New York Albion).

The Sentinel—In a late number we expressed a hope that the Sentinel would eventually receive a fair portion of patronage in the Diocese of Nova Scotia. That hope is confirmed by letters from thence. Under the date of the 7th inst. (February), Archdeacon Coster of Fredericton, N.B., writes: "The work is certainly well received in this province and I think it would answer your purpose to send us a few sets on speculation." And under the date of the 9th, Archdeacon Willis of Halifax writes: "Mr. Stewart Clarke, the young gentleman named by me, with the Bishops recommendation as Agent for the Sentinel, is, I believe, very attentive to your interests. Such intelligence is highly gratifying and we tender our warmest thanks to the Venerable personages from whom it comes.

To Correspondents—The article on the death of the Rev. Robert Addison will be commenced next week.

Agents for the Sentinel: Mr. T. Cary, bookseller, Quebec; Mr. H. H. Cunningham, bookseller, Montreal; Guy C. Wood, Esq., postmaster, Cornwall, U.C.; Mr. Geo. F. Corbett, Bank Office, Kingston, U.C.; R. Stanton, Esq., 'His Majesty's Printer, York, U.C.; James Stuart Clarke, Esq., Halifax; W. B. Phair, postmaster, Fredericton, N. Brunswick; Rev. Lucius Doolittle, Paspebiac, Bay Chaleur.

## Bincese of On'Appelle

The Rural Deanery of Kindersley met for their Annual conference at Alsask on Nov. 21st, which had been posponed owing to the October storms. The Vicar of Alsask, the Rev. C. M. K. Parsons, conducted Mattins and the Rural Dean, the Rev. W. D. Hasell, celebrated at the Corporate Communion. The Conference met in session at 11 a.m. to receive the reports of Parishes which all members took a keen interest in. There were representatives present from Alsask, Oyen, Brock, Montrose, Cereal, Hemaruka, Broadview, Fenner, Kindersley and Loverna and subsidiary points, in all nearly forty delegates. It is interesting to note that the total mileage travelled there and back by those attending amounted to nearly 3,000 miles. The Secretary of Synod, the Ven. E. H. Knowles, was present and gave his usual inspiring addresses. At noon, the Litany was conducted by the Vicar of Hemaruka, the Rev. E. N. P. Orme. A very enjoyable lunch was then served at the Empire Hotel. The Conference met again at 2 p.m. and found the time all too short in order to conclude business in time for Evensong at 5.30 p.m.

Although, it was a very inspiring and interest-rousing conference, its success may only be judged by the lasting impression it will have on

those who were present.

On the Sunday before Christmas His Lordship, The Bishop held an Ordination of Priests at All Saints' Church, Melville, Saskatchewan. The following were ordered Priests: Rev. D. J. Vaughan, Loreburn, Saskatchewan; Rev. S. S. Smith, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan; Rev. S. Bowley, Bangor, Saskatchewan.

The service which was fully choral was beautifully rendered by All Saints Church choir. Those assisting were the Ven. E. H. Knowles, Rev. C. L. Holthouse and Rev. E. H. Lee.

On Thursday, December 11th, the Bishop dedicated the Dean Sargent Memorial Bells at the pro Cathedral at Qu'Appelle, Sask. All the clergy of the Deanery were present, also representatives from other congregations.

Diocese of Algoma

Although the prevailing financial depression has perhaps been felt with particular keenness in Northern Ontario, and the Church has of course suffered to some extent financially, yet there are many encouraging signs of Church life and activity in Algoma.

The new Church of St. John the Evangelist, New Liskeard, a handsome brick building, was opened for Divine worship on Wednesday the 5th November, the first service being a Choral Evensong, in which a number of the neighbouring clergy took part. The need of a new church has been felt for a long time, as the town had grown away from the old church site and the building itself was a very poor one. The new structure has cost in the neighbourhood of \$14,000, but so well have the members of the congregation worked and given that on the opening day there remained only a debt of some \$1,500 on the building. The Rector, the Rev. Charles Glover, and his people are to be congratulated on the splendid success of their efforts.

On Sunday, December 14th, the Church of St. Stephen the Martyr, Port Arthur, was consecrated by the Bishop of Algoma, at a very beautiful and impressive service. This Church, which is in a comparatively new part of the city, was built about two years ago; and in spite of the hard times caused by the troubles in the paper industry, has been completely paid for in that short time. The priest in charge, the Rev. L. I. Greene, and the congregation have worked indefatigably, and the success which they have achieved is very gratifying.

St. Andrew's Church, on the Indian Reserve at Sheguiandah on the Manitoulin Island, which had got into very bad condition, has been completely renovated inside and out. The lot has been fenced, the wod work renewed, painted and varnished, many other repairs made, and the church now looks like new. The Indians co-operated most heartily with the catechist in charge, Mr. L. F. Hardyman, and all the labour was done voluntarily. In love for their Church the Indians sometimes put some of their white brethren to shame.

The little log church at Bear Cave, in the parish of Rosseau on the Muskoka Lakes, has received a new lease of life as the result of the enthusiastic efforts of Mrs. Howland and the Misses Wadsworth of Toronto. The building has been completely repaired, and a new fire-proof roof placed upon it. Beautifully embroidered altar hangings, the gift of Misses Hagarty of Toronto, give the interior a very churchly appearance, and several other gifts from kind friends are gratefully appreciated by the members of the little congregation.

On Sunday, November 30th, the Bishop of Algoma held an Ordination in the Pro-Cathedral, at which four candidates were ordained to the Diaconate: Richard K. Bamber of the Mission of Sprucedale, Cyril Clarke of the Algoma Central Mission, (Sault Ste. Marie to Franz), Marshall W. Talbot of Bishop's College, Lennonxville, and Major Edwin Wrightson of the Mission of Emsdale.

The death of the Right Rev. S. M. Griswold, Bishop of Chicago, has been deeply felt in the Diocese of Algoma. The Bishop had been accustomed for many years to spend his summers at Llewellyn Beach on St. Joseph's Island, and he had many warm friends on the Island and in the See City. The Bishop of Algoma represented the Canadian Church at the funeral, held in Chicago on December 2nd.

# CHANGES

Rev. S. M. Lochead of Heward, to Viscount, Diocese of Qu'Appelle.

Rev. C. G. Stevens, of Grand Mere, to St. Lambert, Diocese of Montreal.

Rev. A. J. Jackson, of St. David's Church, Toronto, to be assisted at Cobourg, Diocese of Toronto.

Rev. P. W. A. Roberts, of Millbrook, to Colborne, Diocese of Toronto.

Rev. H. E. Pelletier, of Manitowaning, Diocese of Algoma, to Burnt River, Diocese of Toronto.

Rev. R. M. Withers, of Chaplain, Diocese of Qu'Appelle, to Maple Lake, Diocese of Toronto.

## Diocese of Kootenay

On S. Thomas Day, Dec. 21st, the Lord Bishop of Kootenay held on ordination in All Saints Church Vernon. The candidate for Priests Orders, the Rev. Edward Linfoot was presented by Rev. H. C. R. Gibson, Rector of Vernon. The special preacher, Rev. A. C. Mackie was unable through sickness to be present and his sermon was read by the Rector of the Parish. Assisting in the laying on of hands were Rev. H. C. B. Gibson, A. C. Despard and Lim Yuen of the Chinese Mission.

His many friends will regret to learn that Rev. F. R. Hillary of Salmon Arm was taken to hospital on Christmas eve. He is improving. The Christmas services were taken by

Rev. A. V. West.

A solemn procession led by trumpeters with silver instruments proceded the Choral Eucharist at All Saints Church, Vernon, on Christmas Day. The Church was packed and there were a very large number of communicants.

The Rev. L. A. Morrant of Armstrong was in charge of all services in the new Church at Penticton on Dec. 21st. An old friend of Rev. J. A. Cleland who commenced the new Church he expressed his joy at seeing the completion of his friend's work.

The 8th Annual Carol Service was held in Armstrong Parish Church on Sunday, Dec. 21st. The music under the direction of Mr. Barnes assisted by a loyal choir was admirably rendered. The Church was full to the doors. Rev. H. P. Barrett, Rector of Penticton was the special preacher.

At evensong on Dec. 28th Feast of the Holy Innocents in S. Saviours Penticton the Rector dedicated a baptismal shell the gift of the Rev. J. A. Cleland formerly Rector of the Parish.

## + + Diocese of Brandon

The Bishops' Messengers at St. Faiths', Swan River, report over 1253 children on the Sunday School by mail and of these more than 135 send in answers to their papers each month. Miss M. Fowler, the leader of the group is now in England. A new Chapel at Birch River, St. Aldhelms' was dedicated by the Bishop on his recent visit to the Messengers' territory. Additional help arrived at the Hostel, when Miss Joyce Walker came after a useful summer spent on our Sunday School Van, St. David.

The Rev. S. L. Nash was inducted into the Parish of Elgin by the Archdeacon last month. The Rev. C. Wood, the Bishops' Chaplain, although well over seventy years of age has been caring for the Parish of Dauphin pending the arrival of the new Rector, Rev. W. Brailsford.

The Rev. D. Pierce Jones has resigned the Parish of Shoal Lake to proceed to Bismarck, N.D.

The Budget Apportionment Campaign has been harder to conduct this year owing to the cry of hard times. But people have very largely made a good response and many Parishes have reached their objectives.

One of our English lady van workers tells the following incident as one of many unusual experiences in our "unshepherded districts."

Van Worker: "What did Mary see when she looked into the tomb?"

Happy and awed whisper from a little girl: "An Easter Egg."

# Diocese of Ontario

The Rev. J. D. McKenzie Naughton, D.D., began his work on Sunday, Jan. 4th, in St. James Church, Kingston, and was greeted with large congregations at each service. The Rev. J. M. Brownlee, also began his duties as Rector of Wellington, on Sunday, Jan. 4th. The Rev. A. F. C. Whalley, D.D., Chaplain to the Bishop of the Diocese, has been appointed to a Canonry in St. George's Cathedral. ed to a Canonry in St. George's Cathedral. The Rev. John Lyons, Rector of Belleville, has been made Archdeacon of Frontenac. Archdeacon Lyons has spent his whole ministerial life in the Diocese, beginning as a Missionary in North Frontenac. He has always been a faithful and devoted Priest of the Church in this Diocese. It is this kind of appointment that heartens the young men who come into the Diocese. St. Paul's Church, Kingston, are to be congratulated in the improvement of their Parish Magazine. Besides the reports of local interest and Parochial Church Work, the centre of the Magazine is the publication of the G.B.R.E. Church Messenger. The Rev. J. Cantrell, who has been seriously ill of pneumonia, is now convalescing. Mr. Bert Couper, organist of St. Luke's Church, Kingston, who died suddenly at his home on New Year's Day, has left a legacy of fifteen hundred dollars to St. Luke's Church. He was the composer of several beautiful anthems for use in Divine Service. The Rev. Canon Swayne is recovering from a rather long and painful illness, and the many friends of Canon Creggan are pleased to hear of his recovery from sickness. The Dean of Ontario addressed the Diocesan Board meeting of the W. A. on Monday, Jan. 5th.

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# The Faithful Layman

The opinion is very general in our parishes, that our congregations would one and all rival the green bay tree of the Psalmist, if only they could secure the services of the kind of rector they would like to have. If only they had a really eloquent preacher, like Phillips Brooks or Canon Liddon, or the Archbishop of Canterbury, then everybody would be interested, and really effective work could be done. Probably true. It would be a great thing to have all our parishes in charge of men of that type. However, while the average of mentality among men remains as at present, there is not the slightest chance of our being able to secure a ministry wholly of that type. The important thing is to try to make our parishes more efficient with the men we have. And one of the ways in which this can be done is by developing faithful laymen. In our judgment and we have had a long experience, the faithful layman is not very much more plentiful than the ideal rector.

Suppose we try to set down some of the more outstanding characteristics of the faithful layman and see whether you do not agree with us.

The first and most important of all is that he commences his religion by leading a godly, upright and righteous life. And to these necessary qualities he must add loveableness. We have all known people who were upright and very honest, but they were quite impossible, when any one tried to live or work with them. In the second place we would say that the faithful laymen would be very particular about his attendance at public worship on every Lord's Day. So far as may be possible he will try on that day to participate in the Holy Communion. By so doing he will find himself in unison with the early Christians of Rible days who with the early Christians of Bible days, who continued steadfastly in "the breaking of bread and the prayers." If it is a question of attending an early celebration, he does not lie in bed while the faithful laywoman goes out to worship. If the faithful layman is to be married, he remembers that happiness and unity cannot be looked for in his married life, unless he be married "in the Lord," and he is very particular that the ceremony should be performed not in the sitting room, but in the house of God. Once married he realizes that his marriage to his wife is "until death do us When children are born he suffers no delay in bringing them for baptism that they may be received into the church as members of Christ. Children of God and inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven. When sickness comes, he at once notifies his clergyman, recognizing that his rector cannot become aware of the fact by any process of intuition.

When death occurs in his household he does not make any funeral arrangements without first consulting his rector as to a convenient hour. The dead body is brought to the church where the burial office can be appropriately conducted. He encourages no ostentatious floral display, and insists upon simplicity in the choice of a casket. The last look at the features of the loved one has been taken in

the privacy of the home, and there is no "viewing of the remains" in the church. He neither requests nor expects a "funeral sermon."

If the faithful layman is chosen as a church warden of his parish he does not assume that that gives him any authority to interfere in the conduct of divine worship, but he does recognize his responsibility in regard to the finances of the congregation. Though he may be a busy man in the conduct of his own affairs, yet he finds time to see that the financial obligations of the parish are promptly met. He knows that a clergyman has to pay his debts like every other citizen in the community, and so he resolves that the cheque for clerical stipend will be mailed monthly or quarterly at the latest, and that this particular obligation is paid promptly and in full. He takes care that the church property is kept in good repair, and that the insurance carried is adequate to cover possible loss. He co-operates with the incumbent in welcoming strangers, and renders him every possible help and encouragement.

But the faithful layman will recognize that this is only the beginning of his service. He realizes that he has responsibility beyond the limits of his parish. He knows that the Diocese, and not the parish is the unit of the the church life, and so he interests himself also in Diocesan work, on whatever lines that work may be administered.

But the interest of the faithful layman is not confined even by the boundaries of his diocese. By virtue of his baptism he knows that he is a member of the Church's great missionary society. This organization is charged with the responsibility of procuring financial assistance for the missionary Bishops in the Canadian West, as well also as for the maintenance of schools and missions among the Indians and Eskimo. In all this effort he tries to take an intelligent part and at the same time he seeks to acquaint himself with the work of the church in foreign lands. Towards his Diocesan and extra Diocesan work he contributes as generously as his means will allow, and he makes it a matter of constant earnest prayer that the blessing of God may rest upon all the undertakings of his Church, both at home and abroad.

Such are some of the characteristics of the faithful layman. May God raise up many of his kind amongst us. He is a great help and inspiration to his rector.

E. I.

# PEACE

Let us have peace and Thy blessing,
Lord of the wind and the rain,
When we shall cease from oppressing;
From all injustice refrain;
When we hate falsehood and spurn it;
When we are men among men;
Let us have peace when we earn it,
Never an hour till then.
—BERT LESTER TAYLOR.

#### THE COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Jan. 3, 1931.

Dear Readers:

I am writing to thank all the kindly church folk who so generously responded to the appeal in the Canadian Churchman for Christmas Cheer for newcomers.

We received in all \$233.50 and spent for underwear and stockings, \$119.80; for toys and gifts for children and parents, \$32.00; for Christmas goodies, \$55.20; and for postage on parcels, \$26.50.

We sent to 80 families from the office and there were 260 children in the families. In each parcel we put new underwear or stockings for each child, a toy or present for each member of the family and Christmas goodies. Besides this we sent a letter with each parcel asking the receipients to let us know if they received it safely. We had a very exciting time packing the parcels which was done in the board room of the Church House. It took us three long nights to get them all packed, beginning at 7 p.m., and it would have proved very amusing to watch. "I want some underwear for a seven year old girl," "Do you think a boy of nine would like a mouth organ," "Have we got anything that will amuse a girl of three," "Do you think these stockings will fit a five year old," sounded on all sides and you could bear the workers. and you could hear the workers murmuring to themselves as they gathered together the necessary articles "something for a six year old girl; now that finishes that family," which was responded to immediately with "Here is another one with ten children"!!! The first night the staff of the Welcome and Welfare Department were ably assisted by two members of the Men's Association of St. Peter's, Toronto, and a prominent member of the Mother's Union. The second night three members from St. Clement's Church, North Toronto, did trojan service. The third night the member of the Mother's Union was the only outside assistance, having helped all three nights very unobstrusively and efficiently. It was a quarter to 12 when we finished the last parcel the last night. Were we tired!!! Our experience must have been repeated over and over again throughout Canada.

We received in all, the names of 306 families and 1130 children. Of these families 80 were handled through the Welcome and Welfare Department of the Council of Social Service; the Women's Auxiliary took 104. The Imperial Order of the Daughter's of the Empire who helped us so well last year very kindly took 100 names and interested individuals cared for 22 names.

We desire to express our very sincere gratitude to the various Toronto firms who so kindly helped us by making donations in the form of heavy discounts on our purchases. Surely their business must have been blessed from the help they have given so many organizations during the Christmas Season.

To the generous hearted Church People who made it possible for us to send these splendid gifts from the Welcome and Welfare Department, we would say that the gratitude expressed in the letter of thanks we have re-

ceived would more than repay you for your sacrifice. Here are some of them: From Maniito-"We were very surprised and pleased to receive the parcel you so kindly sent, the clothing was very acceptable and I very much appreciated them. The little ones were right out of under-clothing. I have three big children going to school, they have two miles to walk and we have to think of their clothing first. The children enjoyed the candy and bags, etc., which helped to make Xmas a happy one.

We thought for a while that Santa Claus would not visit here, but it seems others sometimes plan for us. We have had a rather rough road so far in this new country. We do not expect a bed of roses but it has been so hard to make ends meet but we always try to see the silver lining, tho' sometimes one's sight grows dim. Thanking you again and wishing you the compliments of the season."

From Alberta: "Many thanks for the parcel you sent us from Santa Claus which we received safe and found them very acceptable. Our children have spent many happy hours with the toys and the clothes were just what they needed.

It makes us happy to know that we were thought of in a strange country by people we have not met. Many thanks for good wishes. Please accept our best wishes for the Welcome and Welfare Department and your-self for the New Year."

From Saskatchewan: "We received your delightful parcel quite safely and we thank you all very much indeed for the contents which are both useful and enjoyable. We should like you to have seen the great joy of the children and indeed of all of us upon opening the parcel and seeing the contents."

Another from Alberta: "My husband and self wish to thank you and the Social Service ever so much for the most useful parcel which we received Christmas day. I must say it was greatly appreciated and the children had a splendid time after all."

Inasmuch.....

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None of us has inherited a tilled soil prepared for peace. Our position rather is the position of the early pioneers who went out to Australia, to Africa, and to the very remote parts of the world, and found that within an inch of the landing-place where they set foot they had to blaze a trail, they had to fell the forest, they had to dig the ground, and they had to uproot the evil roots and were in possession before them.

They toiled and toiled and toiled, not for immediate harvest, but they toiled to make their great preparations, and, as the result of that preparatory toil, when you go there now they show you their smiling and peaceful fields. That is our work. League of Nations. That is the work of the

The Prime Minister, Geneva, 1924.

# Older Than England

In the south of England lies the county of Sussex, whose proud boast it is that it is older than England. For, before the Angles had come to Britain, giving their name to Angleland, Sussex and its capital city, Chichester, formerly called Regnum, are said to have been of great importance. In fact, one antiquarian holds the opinion that the Romans would never have come to England at all, had it not been for the attraction of the pearls which delighted Roman women and held visions of wealth before the eyes of Roman men.

before the eyes of Roman men.

The pearls were found in the shells of the huge fresh-water mussels that inhabit the Chichester Canal. The mussels are still there and occasionally a pearl is found in a shell, but not in the quantity in which they must have existed to attract the Romans on their perilous voyage of discovery long ago.

Sussex, in the days before Julius Caesar and

Sussex, in the days before Julius Caesar and Vespasian had come to Britain, was inhabited by a race called the Regni, who were ancient Britons. Vespasian, the Roman leader under Claudius, was sent to subdue the Britons and had intended to land at Dover. But when the Roman galleys were on their way by night, a shooting star fell to the west and the Romans took it as an omen that they were intended to land there. They rowed, therefore, in the direction of Chichester harbor, where they landed on the marshy coast and marched seven miles to ancient Regnum. As a thank offering for the safe conquest of the sea, which was the most perilous part of the undertaking, a temple was raised in honor of Neptune, their god of the sea, and to Minerva, their goddess of wisdom.

Two hundred years ago, workmen were busy laying the foundations for the Council House, in North Street, Chichester, and, in digging a trench, they discovered a stone tablet. It is

now set into the wall of the Council House and attracts all those interested in ancient history. It bears an inscription in Latin of which the following is a translation:

The college of artificers and ministers of religion attached to it by authority of Tib Cogidubnus the king as legate of the Emperor Claudius in Britain have dedicated this temple to Neptune and Minerva at their own cost in honor of the divine imperial family: Pudens, son of Pudentinus, giving the ground.

The inscription was dated A.D. 60.

In the country around Chichester there are many reminders of these ancient days. Four miles away lies the little hamlet of Bosham on Chichester Harbor where there is a place called Paul's Wharf and the local tradition says that the Apostle Paul visited Pudens at Chichester. There was formerly a building at Bosham known as Vespasian's Basilica, on the site of which the old Saxon church that still exists was built. The Roman work was incorporated in the foundations. In the neighborhood is a wood known as Paul's Grove. Roman remains and Roman inscriptions have been dug up from time to time in the city of Chichester itself

This city is unique in its arrangement of streets, so unlike other English towns, for they were planned by the Romans and are straight, running due north, south, east and west. In the square, where these main streets unite, stands the old market cross. This was built in the fifteenth century by Edward Story, Bishop of Chichester, for the use of people who wished to sell their butter eggs, and vegetables there. It was used for this purpose for three hundred years and then, when the present market was built, the cross had to be railed in to prevent people's using it. The rails remained there for sixty years and there



In the square, where the main streets unite, stands the old Market Cross.

are many people now living who can still remember when they were finally removed.

Another interesting old building is the Bell Tower. English cathedrals have the bells hung in a tower above the cathedral itself and this is the only example of what is common in continental Europe, a separate companile, of which Saint Mark's, Venice, is the most famous. The upper part of the tower is octagonal in shape. This helps to date the belfry, for such stones were cut and moulded in the thirteenth century.

From this old tower, the curfew is still rung every night, although probably nobody goes to bed at the sound of it. Afterwards, the great bell tolls the day of the month; so Chichester people have no reason for ever being wrong with their dates while the old bell tower stands.

Tourists who visit Chichester Cathedral often express disappointment at finding it so small. This is, however, an illusion due to the arrangement of double aisles, for Chichester has the greatest width of any English cathedral, with the exception of York Minster.

Chichester has many beautiful features, not to be found in the other English cathedrals. Its spire is exactly in the centre of the cathedral; everything in the church is in threes, down to the smallest detail, to emphasize the dedication of the

cathedral to the Trinity; its south window is unique in its traceries and, since the glass is of no importance, should be looked at from the outside; and the church possesses gloriously beautiful sculptures by Flaxman.

There are loftier, larger, and grander cathedrals in England, but Chichester is unique in grace

However, few Chichester people seem to be alive to the beauties of their ancient city. Except on market day, when it wakes up, Chichester is the sleepiest of sleepy cathedral cities, and it has been said that half the people go about asleep and the other half walk on tiptoe for fear of waking them up.

## + + Diacese of Curon

The Anglican National Commission visited the Diocese of Huron in January.

Christmas services in Windsor and the Border Cities constitute a record as far as attendance is concerned.



Chichester Cathedral is unique in grace.

Practically all had midnight celebrations with a record number of communicants.

The induction of Rev. F. C. Lightbourn, the new Rector of St. James, Stratford (H), was held on Dec. 17th in the presence of a large congregation, by the Ven. Archdeacon Doherty, of London, acting for the Archbishop of Huron.

Early this year the Rev. K. McGowan, Rector of Lucan (H), and the Rev. L. C. Harrison, of Clinton, will exchange parishes.

St. Mark's Church, Windsor (H), have accomplished a notable piece of social service work this Winter in that a free soup kitchen has been established, and to date over 1000 free meals served to the needy. St. Mark's is situated in one of the most needy and distressed areas on the Border, and the Rector, Rev. H. Merifield and his loyal helpers, deserve the highest praise,

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balance on hand, all of which is due to a live vestry clerk, backed by a generous congregation.

The following was raised by the organizations of St. George's during 1930: W.A., \$307; J.A., \$53; B.M.C., \$46; Little Helpers, \$7. All organizations show an increase in membership.

On the 19th the G.A. held a social, Mr. L. Dutton kindly loaning his hall. There was a good program and 65 young people and a tasty lunch.

A congregational social was held in the town hall on Jan. 28th. There were short addresses from the wardens and rector, a program and a whist drive and a very excellent lunch served by the W.A. and G.A., 130 being present. Mr. G. Moxham made an excellent chairman. During the evening Miss Edith Quelch introduced to the gathering a noted opera singer, Madame Cantsinganoteski, who delighted the audience with her wonderful voice. Interest was not lessened when the discovery was made that Madame was Mr. Dick Spenecr, St. George's tenor.

The joint annual meeting of St. Stephen's and St. James, Solsgirth, was held on the 30th. Financial reports were good considering the hard times experienced in this part of the parish. The wardens had made strenuous efforts to meet all liabilities and all but succeeded.

Wardens: E. B. R. Hall, people's; W. Workman, rector's; K. Workman, secretary-treasurer for St. Stephen's. For St. James: M. P. Mountain, people's warden; J. Hamilton, rector's warden, K. Workman, secretary.

Passed to rest—Mrs. Ellen Nicoll, of Solsgirth. Mr. John Rooks of Manson. Interred at Fleming, Sask. (The incumbent of Elkhorn being in quarantine).

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The outstanding event of the past month, so far as Miniota parish is concerned, was the marriage of the incumbent, Rev. William P. Mason, B.A., L.Th. to Miss Anna Hester Pildrem of St. James, Winnipeg, on January 21st. The happy couple arrived in Miniota on January 23rd.

In order that Mrs. Mason might be present and meet the parishioners of Miniota, the annual meeting was held on January 26th. The church was full and the reports of the various church organizations most encouraging. The report of the vestry showed the finances of the church to be in better shape than one year ago, in spite of the loss of two appointments. The W.A. and the J.W.A. came in for a very hearty vote of thanks form the parishioners for the splendid work they had done during the year. The A.Y.P.A. showed increased attendance with prospects bright. The report from the Little Helpers was very pleasing and it was reported that a G.A. had just been organized. The Sunday School was shown to be in a flourishing condition and during the last two months in particular,

was showing splendid increases over last year's attendance. The choir under the leadership of Mr. R. M. Oliver came in for some very kind comment.

The appointment and election of officers resulted as follows: Incumbent's warden, Mr. Whit. Howard; people's warden, Mr. C. Ellerington; vestry clerk, Mr. J. J. Henderson. Delegates to Synod, Messrs. Whit Howard and E. H. Bally. Alternates, Messrs. J. W. Horner and A. Spencer. The event of the evening was the reading of an address by Mr. C. Ellerington, people's warden, extending (on behalf of the parishioners of Miniota) a hearty welcome to Mrs. Mason, congratulations to the happy couple and presenting them with a pantry and miscellaneous shower of gifts, which filled the beautifully decorated platform to capacity. Mr. Mason responded, expressing his sincere thanks, not only for the gifts but for the wonderful spirit which had been displayed toward him since his arrival in Miniota.

The A.Y.P.A. are preparing a play. Our thanks to Mr. W. H. Hurlin for the beautiful hymn board.

## H H H BEULAH

The following taken from the Miniota Herald will be of interest to Messenger readers: "On Thursday night last the congregation of St. Wilfrid's met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Titley for the purpose of meeting Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Mason. Mr. G. J. Heyhoe on behalf of the congregation read an address which conveyed the congratulations and good wishes of the congregation and on their behalf, presented the rector and his wife with a very large number of gifts, which included a variety of pantry necessities and other miscellaneous articles.

Mr. Mason in his reply, thanked the congregation for their good wishes and kindness.

## H H H SHOAL LAKE

The Christmas season was a very happy one at St. Paul's with good congregations at all services. Our organist, Mrs. Johnston and our choir kept up the high standard of music. Our rector, Rev. Pierce Jones, was assisted by Mr. A. E. Smith and Mr. L. Harrison of St. John's College.

St. Paul's W.A. held their annual meeting at the home of Mrs. Medcalf, the rector presiding. Excellent reports were presented. The sum of \$700 had been raised during the year Mrs. Arnold was again elected president.

The annual meeting of the G.A. was held at the home of Mr. C. J. Ruddick where Mrs. Clark entertained the members. Reports showed a substantial balance and much good work. Mrs. A. Smith president and Mrs. Fraser, vicepresident.

The annual meeting of St. Paul's Church was held on Jan. 19th with a goodly membership present. All organizations showing credit bal-

ances. A vote of thanks was passed to the

W.A. for their generous help.

The following officers were elected for 1931: Rector's warden, Mr. T. Dobbs; people's warden. Mr. F. W. Wicks; the 1930 vestry was re-elected with the addition of Mr. G. F. Dawson and Mrs. C. S. Stevenson; vestry clerk, Mr. W. A. Haakie; lay delegates to Synod, the wardens; substitutes, Mr. W. A. Haakie and Mr. A. Smith; sec.-treas., Mr. Percy Johnson.

The following deaths weer announced during the year: Mr. G. A. Smith, Miss G. Allen, Mrs. Allen and Miss Castell Sympathy was extended to the various families by our rector. The meeting closed with blessing after which

the W.A. served tea and coffee.

On Wednesday, Feb. 4th, the men of St. Paul's assembled to bid goodbye and God speed to their rector, Rev. Pierce Jones. Mr. T. Dobbs was chairman and expressed appreciation of the services rendered to the parish for the last three years and their regret at his pending departure. As a token of their regard the guest of the evening was presented with a Parker Duofold desk set. In acknowledging the gift Mr. Pierce Jones thanked all for their kindness and co-operation during the three years he had spent with them and left his charge with the feeling that he was leaving home.

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#### CHRIST CHURCH, RUSSELL

The annual meeting was held on Jan. 16th. There was a good attendance and a spirit of healthy optimism prevailed. The churchwardens account showed a small balance. The W.A. report showed a year of increased activity which had resulted in raising the substantial sum of \$557.00. The reports of the Girls Guild, Junior W.A., Little Helpers and Sunday School also showed a very satisfactory state of affairs. Officers: Churchwardens, George Bicknell and A. J. Sheffield; vestry clerk, Gilbert A. Cope. Lay delegates to Synod, Gilbert A. Cope and E. W. Robertson. Substitutes, George Bicknell and L. C. Boulton.

Votes of thanks were given to Mrs. E. Lucas for her untiring services as choir leader, to Gilbert A. Cope for his services as organist, to the officers and members of the various organizations for their faithful work during the past year and to Mr. A. J. Sheffield for his efficient work as churchwarden and lay-

reader.

The W.A. served a very tasty lunch.

We were all very sorry that our Rector was unable to take the services on Jan. 25th owing to illness but were glad to welcome him back on Feb. 1st.

The A.Y.P.A. report having the biggest time of the season at the home of Mrs. H. W. Smith on 26th

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## DEANERY OF DAUPHIN

#### DAUPHIN

The Rev. Wm. Brailsford, B.D., who has been in charge of mission work in northern Manitoba, accepted the charge of St. Paul's Church and arrived in Dauphin early in January to succeed Canon Cousins.

During the vacancy of the living, Rev. Chas. Wood has supplied from Brandon. "Daddy's"

services have been much appreciated.

Mrs. Farrell and Mrs. Wick entertained the choir in the crypt of the church on Friday, Jan. 16th, where an opportunity was given to the rector to meet in person that splendid and faithful body of men and women that he sees so frequently from the pulpit, and one of the prizes of the evening went to a most "undeserving recipient." The balance of the rewards were however well won.

The rector will commence the Lenten services on Ash Wednesday and would like to commend the mid-week services which will be every Wednesday during Lent at 8 o'clock.

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#### GRANDVIEW

We had a most enjoyable carol service Tuesday evening before Christmas. Special music being provided by the choir assisted by Mr. Baker and Mr. Cutforth from Gilbert Plains.

At the home of Mrs. Cook the I.C.B.D. girls held a very pleasant annual social evening.

We are pleased to have Mr. Adams around among us again after his somewhat severe attack of the flu.

The W.A. held its annual meeting at the home of Mrs. Kittle when a most enjoyable afternoon was spent and the following officers were re-elected for the year 1931: President, Mrs. Custance; vice-president, Mrs. Aitkens; secretary, Mrs. Hume; treasurer, Mrs. Brown.

We are well pleased with the progress made in the re-organizing of the Sunday School and Jr. W.A. under the leadership of Mrs. White.

On Jan. 28th we held our annual meeting. Splendid reports were given by the various workers. The W.A., the I.C.B.D. club, the "Anglican Players" and choir and the church management committee. We are all so justly proud of the work being done by our girls. They put their heads together some five years ago and with the slogan, "It can be done", decided to wipe off an old mortgage against our vicarage. Now they have it considerably more than cut in two and still going strong.

more than cut in two and still going strong. We were pleased to have Rev. Chas. Wood of Brandon with us for Christmas communion

service..

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# DEANERY OF MINNEDOSA

#### KELWOOD

The W.A. met at the home of Mrs. Hodgkinson on Jan. 8th. There was a good attendance and over \$10 was handed in by members for the parish hall building fund. This money was raised by the members using their talents and we are pleased to know there is still more to be handed in.

On Jan. 16th the annual meeting of parishioners was held at the home of Mr. Burridge. Mr. White acted as chairman and Mr. Hodg-

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kinson as secretary. Mr. Granger explained the object of this meeting. Reports were read from the Sr. W.A. and Anglican Social Club. Mr. Granger and Mr. Burridge were appointed delegates to the Synod. Mr. Belford spoke on the progress of the Sunday school. Mrs. White and Mr. Belford were asked to form a choir of Sunday School children. There was a good attendance.

The play "Eyes of Love" was presented for the 2nd time in the I.O.O.F. hall. The proceeds being added to the parish hall fund. The players also went to Neepawa on Jan. 30th.

The members of the W.A. were entertained by the members of the Women's Association on Jan. 29th in the basement of the United Church. An enjoyable evening was spent.

An Anglican Sunday School has been started this month at Riding Mountain. Mr. Belford of Kelwood gave a talk on the early days of the church and gave information on Sunday school work. Mrs. Thurston was elected superintendent; Mrs. Blowers and Mr. B. Toms, teachers; Elsie Buchanan, secretary; and Mrs. Green, treasurer. The Sunday school work is being carried on at the home of Mrs. Thurston. On the 24th there was an attendance of 21 including teachers and three visitors.

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#### GLADSTONE

The visit of the Bishop in December was an inspiration to us all. His lordship baptized the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Pattinson, also the rector's son. A carol service was held the Sunday before Christmas and on Christmas morning at which the celebration of holy communion was celebrated. The joy of the day was marred to a great extent by the death of little Jack Wickstead, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wickstead. The funeral was held on Saturday following Christmas Day.

A presentation was made to Mr. Bruce Mc-Kenzie for his splendid work in connection with the choir as organist and choir leader.

On January 7th the annual W.A. meeting was held. Officers elected: President, Mrs. Thos. Egan; vice-president, Mrs. Jacques; secretary, Mrs. McLaren; treasurer, Mrs. Dickinson. A gratifying and encouraging report was given by the respective branches, all obligations being met.

The annual meeting of the parishioners was held on Jan. 19th. There was a good representative attendance. Officers elected: Rector's warden, W. L. Pattinson; people's warden, Thos. Egan. It was decided that in future the vestry consist of 9 members instead of 12, besides the Incumbent and two wardens. A discussion on the Parish Council took place, the Rector pointing out and explaining the many advantages of such a council. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for his earnest endeavours and untiring interest since coming to our parish in April.

A Dramatic Society has been formed and a play is now in progress.

#### ST. JAMES CHURCH, NEEPAWA

The annual meeting of the congregation was held on Jan. 8th and passed off successfully. The new wardens are Messrs. H. L. Wethey and F. W. Alguire. The delegates to Synod, which meets the third week in June, are Dr. J. S. Poole, and Messrs. Alguire and Wethey. Substitutes are Messrs. Dalton and Haigh. While the parochial expenditures were balanced by the revenue, the direct giving of the parish is approximately only seventy-five per cent of its needs. The more we use and increase our subscriptions through the Duplex envelopes the less shall we be obliged to provide for God's holy work by having teas, concerts and plays. If 75% is possible why not go a little further and have 100% straight giving. This would not only put the maintenance of the work of the church on a much higher plane, but would be more economical and busi-

The Rev. Canon Nelson Smith, B.D., of Minnedosa will be the special preacher in St. James Church at the evening service for the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays in Lent.

The Rector will conduct Lenten services throughout the season beginning Ash Wednesday, all intervening Thursdays, and ending on Good Friday morning.

The Rev. Wm. Brailsford has promised to give an illustrated lecture on that most fascinating north country from the Pas to the Hudson Bay. Look for further announcements.

The Lenten boxes will again be distributed throughout the parish this year. It is greatly hoped they will be honoured in every home.

We are glad to record the recovery of two of our parishioners, Mrs. John Seige of Hallsboro and Mrs. Guy Deaken (wife of our lay reader at Bridge Creek) met with a very painful accident, her ear being bitten by a horse.

Our W.A. held a successful tea and sale of home cooking on Saturday, Jan. 24th.

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#### BETHANY AND CLANWILLIAM

These agricultural congregations have found the going hard in 1930 but are hoping for better times.

Baptisms—Dec. 14th, Ethel Eileen Clarke in S. Mary's; Jan. 4th, Donald Lawrence Woodcock in S. John's.

We are sorry to report that Grandma Leigh of Clanwilliam (in her 89th year) has had a bad fall, but we hope she will soon be quite well again.

Safe journey to Miss Erica and Mr. Roger Crawley on their visit to England.

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#### CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, ARDEN

The annual parishioners meeting was held on Tuesday, Jan. 13th.

The annual reports of the church, choir, W.A. and Sunday School were read and adopted. Votes of thanks to the representatives of the various church activities being heartily accorded.

The churchwardens for the coming year are: Rector's warden, Mr. H. Deveson; people's warden, Mr. W. F. Ogston. Mr. Geo. Bowman was elected as delegate for the Synod with Mr. J. W. Burdett as substitute.

The meeting made known its desire for letters of thanks to be written to the W.A. and to Mr. J. Hannay (choirmaster) for the excellent services rendered during the past year.

The secretary was instructed to write to farmer-members (the majority of whom were not present) asking them to donate wood for fall. It is just possible, that by reason of the usual practice (of advising farmers by post, of the date of the annual meeting) being omitted this year, accounted in some measure for the absence of many who might otherwise have attended. It should be borne in mind that the church attendance of farmers and their families in winter time is not always possible and that they consequently were not aware of the date of the meeting.

I am informed by the Rev. E. Jacques that the Bishop has approved the temporary appointment of Mr. F. Parker as lay reader.

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#### ST. MARK'S, MINNEDOSA Samuel Butterworth, R.I.P.

On the Feast of the Epiphany there passed peacefully to his reward a staunch churchman and a faithful member of our choir in the person of Samuel Butterworth. Mr. Butterworth had been ill with heart trouble a very short time, having been one of the communicants at the Christmas eve Eucharist, and in his place in the choir the Sunday after Christmas. He had been a resident of Minnedosa since 1912 and was in his 75th year. The deceased will be greatly missed in Church and Masonic circles and in the community as a whole. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Phillips in England, and two sons, Arthur in England and Percy in Minnedosa and also grandchildren. The funeral service, which was fully choral, was attended by a large number of people. The mortal remains, robed in cassock and surplice, were laid to rest in the beautiful Minnedosa cemetery overlooking the lake. The Masonic rites followed those of the Church at the graveside.

Miss Marjorie Halpenny recently left town to attend college in Winnipeg. We were sorry to lose Miss Halpenny who, as captain of the Guides, had rendered faithful and valuable service to the community. Mrs. J. J. Reid, assisted by Miss Collins are her successors.

The choral Eucharist on Christmas Eve had a larger attendance than on past occasions. At the Christmas services there were 122 communicants who went "even unto Bethlehem," "the House of Bread."

The Christmas tree entertainment on St. Stephen's day was the usual merry time. Supper, games, recitations, songs, and, at last, the apearance of jolly St. Nicholas.

At the annual business meetings of the Daughters of St. Mark and the G.A., last year's officers were re-elected.

Minnedosa readers of the Messenger will notice that we have in the magazine a page of Minnedosa advertisements. We are under an obligation to the advertisers for their interest and support.

A portrait in oils of Brig. Gen. H. M. Dyer, D.S.O., C.M.G., has been painted by a well known Winnipeg artist. It is hoped to arrange a public gathering sometime this winter for the formal unveling of the portrait. Thus the town of Minnedosa and friends of Gen. Dyer elsewhere seek to honour in a small way a distinguished citizen and an esteemed friend and, at the same time, to provide for the future a lasting memorial of him. The picture will hang in one of our public buildings.

The annual business meeting of the congregation was held Jan. 7th and was attended by over fifty parishioners. Most encouraging reports were read by the Rector, the people's warden and representatives of the W.A. branches and the Sunday School, indicating a successful financial year. Messrs. W. A. Wright and P. Sortain-Hancock were again chosen as rector's and people's wardens respectively. Delegates elected to Synod: Brig. Gen. Dyer, Messrs. Tilley and P. Hancock with W. A. Wright, L. J. Keighley and J. V. Harrison as substitutes. Walter Mann was appointed vestry clerk. Refreshments were served by the W.A. and the Daughters of St. Mark.

Some seventy odd Lentern boxes are being sent out to parishioners. Our objective is \$100.00, the fruit of willing and glad self-denial to be offered to God at Easter. Additional boxes may be had on application to any member of the Synod Fund Committee.

On Jan. 9th in St. Mark's Church, Barbara Helen Yule, the daughter of William Yule was married to Edward Priestley Clark, the son of Mrs. Henry Inman.

The Church Boys' League under the superintendentship of Mesdames W. E. Clark and J. V. Harrison is very popular with the small boys just now and some interesting, and it is hoped profitable, work is being planned for them.

It has been found necessary to divide the J.A. into two sections. Mrs. A. Aylett is super-intendent, and assisted by Mrs. W. Mann, has charge of the "Busy Bees", the smaller girls. Mrs. E. Wheatland, assisted by Mrs. R. Walker, is holding the weekly meetings of a large class of older members of the J.A. We are still looking for some lady willing to take charge of the Little Helpers.

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#### DEANERY OF SOURIS

#### MELITA

Burial-Feb. 9th, Mrs. N. Wyatt.

On the 29th Jan. the annual congregational meeting was held. The officers elected were: Rector's warden, Mr. F. Pettipher; people's warden, Mr. A. B. Estlin. Delegates to Synod, Mr. A. B. Estlin and Mr. Frank Pettipher; substitutes, Dr Byers and W. G. Jobbins.

Two delegates were present from Napinka who asked for a change in July and August from the afternoon to an evening service. This request was granted.

Jan. 30th the Dramatic Society presented "Crooks for a Month" for the second time and donated \$32.21 to the Parish Hall Building Fund.

Feb. 3rd a visit was received from District Commissioner Broadhurst for the purpose of investing three Rover Scouts, namely, Charley Line Wilfred Garratt, and Jack Musson. This was a very inspiring ceremony.

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#### SOURIS

The annual parishioners meeting was held in the parochial hall on Tuesday, 27th inst. when the people's warden presented the financial statement which was adopted unanimously. It was gratifying that the results exceeded expectations. Mr. G. Suddaby was chosen as rector's warden. Mr. J. Smith Hitchcock was again elected as people's warden Mr. S. B. Prest, secretary-treasurer; Mr. E. G. Hetherington, auditor. The representatives of the parochial organizations spoke on behalf of their respective societies. The meeting adjourned until Feb. 8th for the election of vestrymen and Synod delegates.

Annual meeting of the W.A. took place in the rectory; 21 members present. Mrs. Geo. McClelland, our treasurer, gave a very gratifying report, the sum of \$687.74 having been raised and all obligations met.

Mrs. P. R. O'Neail was elected president for the eleventh consecutive term. Mrs. H. P. Wright was elected secretary, but on account of ill health was granted three months leave. Mrs. Shuttleworth taking her place. Mrs. Geo. McClelland was elected treasurer.

Sessions of the W.A. are in full swing again. Since the election of officers, two very enthusiastic business meetings have already been held and also four sewing meetings, all very well attended.

Plans are already well under way for our spring sale and bazaar. We mean to make it bigger and better than ever this year, and under the direction of Mrs. Bushnell, our Dorcas bag is growing visibly. We hope to have a nice lot of articles to send in for the Dorcas work in the near future.

Our G.A. annual meeting was held late in December. Those elected were: President, Beatrice Crabb; vice-president, Renie Sprout; secretary, Winnie Boon At our last meeting Beatrice Crabb and Evelyn Caughell were appointed as delegates to the annual meeting to be held in Brandon.

A well-attended gathering of the members of our Junior Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. J. Sprout on Jan. 19th. the following were duly elected: President, Esther Jenkins; vicepresident, Isabelle Sprout; secretary, Marguerite Prentice. Mrs. O'Neail, the president of W.A. addressed the meeting, which included a number of the members of the W.A. who had been specially invited to be present. We are all glad to hear how well the Juniors are progressing and congratulate Mrs. Cruse and her fellow-workers.

#### RESTON

Services were held in St. Johns Church on Sunday, Feb. 1st, Rev. C. Wood officiating. 11 a.m., communion was celebrated, 17 people partaking. The services were beautiful and everyone enjoyed Mr. Wood's sermons. After the evening service a congregational meeting was held, Mr. Wood in the chair, who reappointed Mr. J. Ward as minister's warden.

Mr. R. H. S. Gibbs desired to retire from people's wardenship but consented to reappointment.

The financial affairs were found to be in better condition than was hoped for. The congregation are looking forward to reopening in the spring.

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#### DEANERY OF SWAN RIVER

On Nov. 30, the W.A. of St. James, Swan River held their annual bazaar, which was once more a great success. The proceeds amounted to over \$200 plus nearly \$50 from the stalls of the J.W.A.

On Nov. 27, 28 and 29 the comedy, "Her Step Husband" was staged at Swan River, Bowsman and Minitonas under the direction of Mrs. Wilcox, who is to be congratulated on the complete success of her undertaking.

The annual W.A. meeting revealed a good year's work—all pledges met and parochial funds helped considerably.

The annual meeting of the Little Helpers is always an event of great importance and this year's meeting was no exception to the rule.

Twenty-five of the wee tots, with about 20 of their elders, assembled in the rectory for an enjoyable afternoon.

The Junior W.A. at their annual meeting produced a balance sheet which shows that all pledges were met in full and \$45.00 voted to parochial objects.

The children of St. James' Sunday school were invited to bring gifts and on the second Sunday in Advent an empty Christmas tree was placed in the church. Miss M. Meadows received the gifts from the children and placed them on the tree.

Donations of money were also received from the congregation and the result was that a considerable number of packages of Chirstmas cheer were distributed.

On Dec. 29th the Sunday School met in the Masonic temple for their Christmas tree. The parish is under a great debt of gratitude to Miss Joyce Walker for arranging a beautiful series of tableaux of the Nativity, which in the rector's opinion were worth a dozen sermons. The audience was spellbound at the last scene, which represented the adoration, not only of the shepherds and Magi, but of all peoples, nations and tongues.

The Rural Dean of Swan River spent a wonderful Christmas. Between Christmas Day and the Feast of the Epiphany he took 26 services, including 21 celebrations of the holy communion, at the following 14 places, viz., Swan River, Bowsman, Minitonas, Birch River, Lady Hubble, McKay, Mafeking, Kenville, Thunderhill, Benito, Durban, Cowan, Renwer and Crestview.

Ideal weather conditions enabled this tour, covering 459 miles to be carried out by car, with the exception of the rail trip to Mafeking. On the whole the services were well attended and 160 persons made their Christmas communion. There were in all 209 acts of communion. Laus Deo!

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#### DEANERY OF TURTLE MOUNTAIN

#### BOISSEVAIN

Readers of the Messenger are requested to get into touch with Mrs. Lawler who is Messenger secretary for the year.

The Sr. W.A. report a successful year; all obligations were met in addition to assisting the vestry with the sum of \$150.00. The Senior Girls with Kae Barefoot as president also report a year of progress. The Senior Girls representative to Brandon is Miss K. Brook.

Mr. Bert Grant reports a year of progress for the Sunday School. One pleasing feature in the S.S. is the choir. Mr. Gladstone has given much time to the training of his group of fourteen boys and girls.

Dr. Bird and Mr. Chas. Moore report a steady increase in the size of the congregations. The vestry has been strengthened with the addition of Messrs. Grant, Jackson, King and Carey.

St. John's, with Mr. Geo. Lindsay and Mr. E. Chambers as wardens, report a successful social held. St. Johns met every obligation and show an increase over last year's work.

A welcome addition to the furnishings at St. Matthew's is a set of chancel lights the gift of a faithful member who wishes to remain unknown.

Throughout the Lenten season week-day services will be held in the Parish Church.

The weekly leaflet for Sunday School and Church has proved beyond expectation a powerful aid to Church attendance and general interest. The distant country members especially appreciate this means of keeping them in touch with the happenings of the parish.

Baptisms—Cecil Laurence Gladstone; Robert Wellington Gladstone; James William Gladstone; Albert Edward Gladstone.

The youngest members of the parish are, Baby Hill, born on Christmas Day; Francis Hole, born on the 12th, and Frank Nelson, born 13th.

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#### DEANERY OF THE PAS

#### NORTH OF '53

The Diocese of Brandon has completed the first year of its administration of the area and cannot help but have a humble pride in what has been accomplished during that period.

All the Indian Missions will by the end of the month, have the services of resident clergy, or school teachers. We expect the Rev. C. and Mrs. Morris, who at present are at Peguis Reserve in the Diocese of Rupertsland to take charge of the large and important Devon Mission situated at The Pas. Mr. Morris will be returning to surroundings with which he is very familiar and will come back to find he has many friends North of '53.

Mr. Ireland has taken charge of the school at Moose Lake, left vacant by the removal of the Rev. H. Cannon to the Flin Flon and with Mr. Barrett at Cedar Lake and the Rev. R. B. Horsefield at Grand Rapids, the Indian work is well in hand.

The Flin Flon have once again a resident clergyman in the Rev. H. Cannon, who is also supplying at Sherridon once a month. And with Rev. D. L. Greene at The Pas looking after the historical church, the superintendent will not be missed during his vacation in Dauphin.

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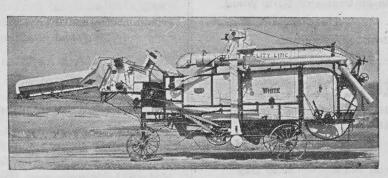
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